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The Public Power Council (PPC)<sup>1</sup> appreciates the opportunity to comment on BPA’s April 29 TC-28 kick-off meeting. PPC continues to fully support BPA’s intention to join the Southwest Power Pool’s (SPP) Markets+ day-ahead market offering. As such, PPC strongly endorses meeting the timelines identified in the workshop materials to support BPA’s anticipated commencement of market participation in October 2028. PPC also agrees with the scope of the TC-28 – and excluding BPA’s choice to join Markets+ from the scope of TC-28. BPA’s choice of day-ahead market has been well discussed, analyzed, and supported. BPA customers and stakeholders have had numerous opportunities to weigh in on BPA’s rational and decision. Pausing implementation work or facilitating further discussion on the merits of BPA’s choice would only risk the ability of BPA to begin market participation in 2028 and begin to realize the benefits for its customers and regional partners.

In the interest of an efficient and timely completion of implementation activities prior to beginning market operation, PPC offers the following feedback in response to the specific materials presented at the April 29 workshop. PPC appreciates BPA identifying the specific topics that will be addressed in TC-28 and calling out where there may be overlaps with BP-29, Provider of Choice, and Business Practice updates. It would be beneficial to expand on the brief descriptions and provide additional details on the topics. Providing greater detail on the scope of each topic and how it will be addressed in the separate work streams will help educate stakeholders on the downstream implications of TC-28 choices and limit the need to revisit tariff language in the future.

PPC also encourages BPA to stay attuned to other Markets+ participant tariff changes. There may be areas where coordinating the implementation of certain Markets+ elements across participating transmission providers may influence the success of Markets+ and participants’ ability to fully realize benefits. For example, a consistent policy around transmission opt-outs is an area where coordination among Markets+ participants would be beneficial.

PPC appreciates BPA’s thoughtful approach to setting up the TC-28 discussion. The agency’s participation in Markets+ represents an important shift in the way that BPA’s customers will use its transmission system. We appreciate the agency taking a deliberate approach to working with customers as it prepares for this change.

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