BPA Staff Response to Northern California Utilities Comments on Non-Rate Alternatives to the Southern Intertie Hourly Firm and Non-Firm Rate

On September 7, 2018, the Sacramento Municipal Utility District, Transmission Agency of Northern California, and Turlock Irrigation District (collectively, the Northern California Utilities or NCUs) submitted comments on non-rate alternatives to the Southern Intertie Hourly Firm and Non-Firm rate increase adopted in the BP-18 rate proceeding. Specifically, they requested BPA provide any analysis on non-rate alternatives that has been conducted since the BP-18 Record of Decision.

BPA Staff Response: Bonneville has outlined its approach to non-rate alternatives to address Southern Intertie seams issues in the July 6, 2016 customer workshop:

“If Staff’s HNF proposal or a similar proposal is adopted in the BP-18 rate case, BPA will wait on further non-rates action until one year’s worth of Southern Intertie sales and scheduling data under the new rate is available for analysis (~FY19).”

Bonneville has been collecting sales and scheduling data on the Southern Intertie since the new hourly Southern Intertie rate went into effect.