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Comments of Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County  
In Response to Bonneville Power Administration's  
May 19, 2020 BP-22/TC-22/EIM Phase III Workshop

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Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County ("Snohomish") appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback on the Bonneville Power Administration's ("BPA's") BP-22/TC-22/EIM Phase III workshop held on May 19, 2020 ("Workshop"). We offer comments on the following topics discussed at the Workshop: Workplan, Regional Planning Organization, and Intertie Studies.

**Workplan**

Snohomish recognizes the workplan and timeline have been evolving and appreciates BPA's efforts to keep customers apprised of changes. It is helpful to see when each issue will be discussed as shown on Slide 13. We encourage BPA to continue to inform customers of any process or timeline changes going forward.

We note that a large number of items are scheduled for the June and July workshops, some of which will likely warrant substantial discussion. We suggest that BPA consider holding open an additional workshop date in the June/July timeframe to ensure there is sufficient time to fully engage with customers on all topics.

**Regional Planning Organization**

Snohomish has noted in past comments that we do not have a strong opinion on how BPA reflects the NorthernGrid's planning process in Attachment K and we see merits in both proposed approaches. Snohomish continues to be comfortable with both approaches, but our leaning is toward referencing the NorthernGrid planning process in BPA's Attachment K. This option will avoid the potential for discrepancies between the Attachment K and the NorthernGrid planning process, and appears to be most efficient for BPA and its staff.

**Intertie Studies**

Snohomish appreciates BPA's efforts in developing alternatives for the Southern Intertie study processes. Snohomish has reviewed both Alternatives 1 and 2, and prefers Alternative 2, which provides the customer with more flexibility in pursuing system studies. Snohomish is also open to discussing other alternatives in a future workshop. We do not have specific comments on the proposed tariff revisions at this point, but plan to continue to review the revisions and provide any comments in the future.

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Snohomish thanks BPA for the opportunity to submit the above comments and looks forward to continued engagement throughout the stakeholder process. Please contact us with any questions.