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In reply refer to: PSS-6

To Parties Interested in the Rate Period High Water Mark (RHWM) Process for the FY 2020 and 2021 Rate Period:

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) will kick off the Rate Period High Water Mark (RHWM) Process this spring, in advance of the BP-20 Rate Case and in accordance with sections 4.2 and 4.3 of the Tiered Rate Methodology (TRM). This process will scale customer Contract High Water Marks (CHWMs) to an updated RHWM Tier 1 System Capability (RT1SC), resulting in customers' RHWMs and Above-RHWM Loads for Fiscal Years (FY) 2020 and 2021.

BPA will hold a customer workshop to discuss the updated *preliminary* RT1SC on May 9, 2018, followed by a comment period. *Preliminary* RHWM outputs, including RHWMs and Above-RHWM loads, will also be shared. Customers are encouraged to review the impacts on their Above-RHWM loads due to changes in their load forecasts and the RT1SC. Comments on the preliminary RT1SC and RHWM outputs, and load forecasts should be provided during the public comment period that will extend through May 24. A follow-up workshop may be held on June 27, 2018, to address issues raised in comments that warrant additional discussion.

BPA will hold a customer workshop on August 1, 2018, to discuss the draft final RT1SC and draft final RHWM outputs. The final public comment period extends from August 2 through August 15. Final numbers are scheduled to be made available on September 30, 2018.

Geoff Carr, former Assistant Director of Northwest Requirements Utilities, has been selected as the Third Party Neutral for this process. He can be reached at geoffcarr77@gmail.com.

Please contact Lindsay Bleifuss (lbleifuss@bpa.gov, 503-230-5338) for further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lindsay Bleifuss".

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