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Re: Comments of Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County on

**BPA's TC-20 Process and July 23 Workshop Topics** 

Snohomish appreciates the opportunity to comment on Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) TC-20 process, specifically the topics discussed at the July 23 workshop. These comments address topics related to BPA's proposals related to the Business Practice process.

## **Business Practices Definition**

As Snohomish recommended in its May 30, 2018 comments, Bonneville should include a Business Practice definition in the tariff that reflects FERC's "rule of reason" standard. A definition will clearly establish the standard by which Bonneville and its customers can evaluate whether a particular provision belongs in the tariff or a business practice.

## **Business Practices Process**

Snohomish supports the improvements to the Business Practice Process that Bonneville noted on slides 23 and 24 of the July 23, 2018 presentation. In particular, we believe that a more interactive process between Bonneville and its customers at the beginning of the process. i.e., before a draft business practice is issued, will be beneficial. Snohomish believes that this engagement will be particularly useful in cases where the Business Practice is either newly proposed, or when a change could have significant impacts to customer operations.

In addition to BPA's currently proposed revisions, Bonneville should consider an avenue for customers to appeal a Bonneville management decision on business practices to the Administrator. Finally, we recommend that Bonneville formally include these changes in its "BPA Transmission Business Practice Development" document.

## **Conclusion**

Snohomish appreciates the opportunity to comment on these issues. If you have any questions about Snohomish's positions or proposals, please feel free to contact me.

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