

## Webex Chat: Grid Access Transformation Workshop – July 10, 2025

Disclaimer: BPA may clarify these responses in our response to customer comments on the Transition to Future State (customer comments due July 21) and the Future State (customer comments due Aug. 22).

from Don Bain to everyone: 9:42 AM

- If an objective is to not overbuild the electric supply system, attention to generation patterns and their effect on system LOLP is warranted. This would shift new resource development toward more diversification, e.g., more wind outside the existing wind plant. If the modeling focuses on the transmission network, this effect can be lost and result in a higher societal cost of electricity than (sub)optimizing the transmission network which is only one component.

from Alexander Stewart - BPA to everyone: 9:46 AM

- Thank you for this comment. We appreciate and agree on the importance gen patterns. More to discussion on this will come in the future.

from James Dykes - Grant to everyone: 9:50 AM

- Well said Chris, and I echo that as well!

from Don Bain to everyone: 11:05 AM

- Will the interim service meet LSEs' RA requirements?

from Katie Sheckells to everyone: 11:15 AM

- April 21st workshop introduced this as "on demand", it is now labeled "Interim Service" - the same concept if you want to refer to previous materials as well

from debra malin to everyone: 11:26 AM

- 6NN qualifies as firm under WRAP

from Fred Heutte NWECC to everyone: 11:27 AM

- following Don Bain's question more specifically, is it BPA's expectation that Interim Service will or will not qualify for WRAP forward showing requirements

from Fred Heutte NWECC to everyone: 11:37 AM

- my reading of slide 31 is "it depends" -- WRAP requires P6 or P7 for forward showing

from Fred Heutte NWECC to everyone: 11:41 AM

- also my understanding is P7 is not differentiable with respect to curtailment

from James Dykes - Grant to everyone: 11:45 AM



- While I appreciate the effort to be collaborative, I'm going to suggest that we allow that individuals write down their questions with reference to the slide that sparked it, and allow BPA to continue through with their slides and discussion so that we can 1) understand what they are intending and 2) the advanced slides may answer some of the questions being posed.

from James Dykes - Grant to everyone: 11:45 AM

- request\*\* not allow

from Fred Heutte NWEAC to everyone: 11:47 AM

- I am finding the dialogue helpful.

from Fred Heutte NWEAC to everyone: 11:56 AM

- I also have a question on NWACI impacts.

from Don Bain to everyone: 1:04 PM

- S34: There's a # of new facility requests on the NWACI and they'll need various Newpoints. Is the Newpoint eligibility on the NWACI subject to resolution of the new owners' agreement? Might this change once the agreement is updated?

from Blake Weathers UEC to everyone: 1:08 PM

- Is there going to be time given at the end to ask questions given that no questions are allowed during the presentation?

from Sidney Villanueva - Blue Skies Law to everyone: 1:20 PM

- Did I just hear that it is possible that there may be multiple levels of interim service, i.e. both P6 and also less-than-P6 offerings?

from Sidney Villanueva - Blue Skies Law to everyone: 1:23 PM

- Is that meeting with PUC to discuss timing issues a public meeting that stakeholders can also participate in or a private meeting between OPUC and BPA?

from Katie Sheckells to everyone: 1:24 PM

- @Sydney - BPA staff with PUC; we will carry forward all of this into continuing workshops

from Sidney Villanueva - Blue Skies Law to everyone: 1:24 PM

- TY

from Marie Barlow to everyone: 1:25 PM

- I think it could be useful to have other stakeholders in the room for that BPA/PUC meeting, some of us who work in both of those forums and routinely navigate these chicken and egg issues

from Dmitry Batishchev, TEA to everyone: 1:36 PM

- Could BPA explain in one of its future public meetings how generator, load, and long-term firm transmission request queues impact BPA's decisions regarding transmission system upgrades? Are these queues interconnected in any way?

from Don Bain to everyone: 1:41 PM

- S39: An analog of the 70% probability of load is needed for the supply side. If a Customer wants BPA to provide transmission so they can acquire a new resource, there s/b clarity what the criteria are for BPA to evaluate the request and commit to providing network service.

from Hannah Dondy-Kaplan BPA to everyone: 1:54 PM

- @marie Barlow and Sidney V-- BPA GAT staff is planning to have initial level setting meetings with utility commission staff to get briefed on their internal processes and vice-versa. We can discuss expanding that to other stakeholders in the future.

from Don Bain to everyone: 2:00 PM

- What is BPA's preference in comments when somebody has many different comments, suggestions & ideas on various topics we're discussing: One long document with all in, or multiple inputs more segregated by subject or topic?

from Katie Sheckells to everyone: 2:01 PM

- @Don - submitting all your comments in 1 document works for us, if you can break the document into sections by topic that is very helpful for our team

from Blake Scherer - Benton PUD to all panelists: 2:26 PM

- My question was why does Commercial Planning not show up on the NITS Planning Model diagram (slide 40)?

from James Dykes - Grant to everyone: 2:26 PM

- Since I wasn't able to be called upon and Grant PUD's previous comments weren't addressed in the responses provided. The outcome observed related to the Trended NITS approach will be... BPA is going to build Tx capacity to stay ahead of the trended load growth. The expected result of this will be higher Tx rates without additional PTP access unless new capacity built out for trended NITS happens to ease a flowgate constraint where PTP access has been requested. How does BPA plan to address this?

from Erin Jensen - BPA to everyone: 2:42 PM

- @Blake Scherer: I understand that it could be more clear that there is a commercial evaluation step as part of this.

from Leslie Tacoma to everyone: 2:43 PM

- Good question James

from Sidney Villanueva - Blue Skies Law to everyone: 3:00 PM

- Could BPA consider setting aside additional time for the deep-dive on the BPs— potentially even remotely (if necessary). Based on the amount of conversation today's slide deck is generating, I'm worried 1.5 days may not be enough time to implement such significant changes.

from Katie Sheckells to everyone: 3:01 PM

- @Sidney - I will take that back for consideration

from Blake Scherer - Benton PUD to all panelists: 3:05 PM

- Slide 52, which Alt. # is BPA preferring?

from Katie Sheckells to everyone: 3:06 PM

- Alt #3 - it is outlined on the following slide

from Fred Heutte NWECC to everyone: 3:37 PM

- <https://gridlab.org/portfolio-item/renewables-transmission-rights/>
- "Toward a more holistic and adaptive treatment of BPA transmission rights in Northwest utility planning and procurement processes"

from ravi aggarwal to everyone: 3:50 PM

- Ravi - @Fred, thanks for the link. One thing to differentiate is gridlab studies were using economic models only, which assumed SCED (Organized Market) and that's not true in reality for PNW. We are hoping scenario based 20 year proactive planning studies would help define transmission needs in better manner than the reactive mode we have planned under current paradigm.

from Fred Heutte NWECC to everyone: 3:53 PM

- @Ravi agree -- my view of the study is to find a better landing zone between what IOUs and other large BPA transmission customers can do to advance system utilization in alignment with what is now the GAT process -- it's a conversation starter, not a complete approach

from ravi aggarwal to everyone: 3:54 PM

- @Fred 100% agree

from Alexander Stewart - BPA to everyone: 3:55 PM

- Agree as well. Thank you Fred.

from David Meyer to all panelists: 4:05 PM

- I appreciate the acknowledgment that 64 GW transmission service for 32 GW of system load doesn't work or make sense, and the PNW has past the bounds of how typical

transmission service studies are done. Thank you all for your time and good luck with your efforts.

from Don Bain to everyone: 4:05 PM

- For this to be successful, every involved sector must work differently.

from Don Bain to everyone: 4:06 PM

- sector