

Customer-Led Workshop for BPA Grid Access Transformation Project

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NITS Customer Viewpoint

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- **Over the previous 16 months, the NITS customer group has presented its transmission perspective four times (May 2024, August 2024, May 2025, and now today)**
- **While BPA has provided additional information for its planning proposals throughout this period, NITS customer objectives remain largely unchanged**
 - BPA must provide for an effective planning process to accommodate a range of NITS customer needs – meeting forecasted load growth (both traditional and larger, discrete loads) as well as forecasted resources (both from federal and non-federal resources) on a timely basis
- **Regional and preference customer decision points are quickly approaching**
 - WRAP Binding Phase elections, Provider of Choice contract execution, decisions regarding Tier 2 power supply resources
- **Timely implementation of the GAT Project is fundamental to BPA meeting its tariff and statutory obligations to its transmission customers**

NITS Customer Viewpoint, cont.

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■ **BPA's Transition Phase Proposals**

- New Network Load and Line/Load Interconnection Reforms
- Readiness Criteria (including NWH/Virtual Points)
- Long-term Firm Queue Management
- Interim Service/Enhanced 6NN Service for NITS customers

Moving Forward

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- **BPA's planning obligation to its NITS customers endures, despite this multi-year pause**
- **Moving the GAT transition phase elements to a 212 process increases the urgency to implement transparent, durable solutions for all customers**
- **Efficiency will be critical**
 - Accelerate proposals that receive meaningful consensus
 - Allow appropriate time and space to engage on proposals that lack clarity or meaningful support
- **We must not lose sight of anticipated benefits of Proactive Planning and Accelerated Expansion elements**

QUESTIONS?