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Via email:

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U.S. Department of Energy
Bonneville Power Administration
Transmission Services

Re: Puget Sound Energy's Comments Relating to Bonneville Power Administration's GAT Initiative Future State – July 9 and 10, 2025 Workshop

Puget Sound Energy (PSE) appreciates the opportunity to submit these comments in response to the Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) July 28 and 29, 2025 Grid Access Transformation (GAT) Workshop. These comments are specific to BPA's proposed Future State as discussed in the workshop.

Proactive Planning

PSE is looking forward to opportunities to collaborate with the BPA planners in creating a new 20-year planning model. At minimum, we consider the following inputs from PSE and other regional load serving entities will be useful in building this model: 20-year peak load forecasts (winter/summer), planned resource additions in BPA's service area/resource retirements, resource adequacy contributions of new/planned resources, and Western Resource Adequacy Program (WRAP) requirements. We recommend that BPA provide an opportunity for stakeholders to share feedback on the model.

In future meetings, PSE requests that BPA provide more details on the approaches to creating new study models and methodologies that will be used in the new study processes. For example, how will BPA move from using WECC 10-year cases to using 20-year cases? We encourage BPA to actively seek stakeholder feedback on the sensitivities to be evaluated during each planning cycle. In addition, we ask that BPA share methodology and study cases with transmission planners in the region to help in better understand how BPA is developing the new cases and evaluate risk assessment of curtailments.

PSE appreciates the opportunity to comment and looks forward to more in-depth discussions on this topic.

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