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To: Techforum@bpa.gov

Re: Comments related to BPA's GAT: RAPID and Transmission Open Season October 19, 2026, workshop

PacifiCorp appreciated the opportunity to hear from BPA Administrator Kavulla on October 19, 2026, regarding the status of BPAs transmission queues, and specifically and BPAs initiative to address the fast tracking of co-located large load, the implementation of a large load open season, and the idea of a transmission open season as part of BPA's proactive planning. However, PacifiCorp encourages BPA to step back and ensure that there is adequate time baked into this proceeding for customers to review BPA's proposals on these topics that are critical to the region.

By way of background, PacifiCorp has actively participated in the ongoing development and evolution of the Grid Access Transportation workshops, and its predecessor Transmission Planning Reform with the over-arching goal of shortening the time and streamlining the processes needed to bring critical resources onto the grid. PacifiCorp has been supportive of BPA's efforts to reform its Transition Planning, RAPID initiative, and Proactive planning to ensure these resources have the necessary transmission service to reach where it is needed within the region.

PacifiCorp appreciates the urgency BPA is communicating regarding the need to address current issues with the processing of interconnection requests, transmission requests, and requests to service large loads. PacifiCorp agrees that BPA should be improving its ability to bring new resources online and ensure that they have transmission to serve load where it is needed, and thinks these efforts are critical to the region meeting customer needs, regional environmental requirements, and achieving economic growth and development.

During the October 19 workshop, BPA announced two initiatives under the Rapid Access Products and Interconnection Delivery workstream under BPAs Grid Access Transformation: Speed to Power Request for Interim Non-firm Transmission (SPRINT) initiative, which would connect large data center load to BPA's 500 kV grid where BPA determines it has available capacity; and the Paired Load and Integrated Dispatch (PLAID) initiative, which would enable BPA to fast track interconnection for large loads that bring their own co-located generation. Both initiatives, as currently proposed, would offer a bridge to long-term firm service in the future. PacifiCorp commends BPA for providing customers with the opportunity to see the full list of attendees attending virtually, for providing the comments submitted in chat during the workshop, and for posting for public review a question-and-answer document capturing questions asked during the workshop. This transparency is critical in gaining customer support for these two initiatives.

At this stage, PacifiCorp encourages BPA to ensure that there is adequate time for customers to review these key initiatives, recognizing the need to keep moving them forward. The current timeline proposed by BPA is challenging and problematic for certain stakeholders, including PacifiCorp. For example, there was only one week in between the October 19 workshop and when comments were due, giving stakeholders little time to analyze complex and new initiatives, and BPA has only scheduled one additional workshop on November 18 for BPA to provide its final proposal. Additionally, when the current timeline is overlaid with the expedited BP-26E rate proceeding, the BP-27 settlement, and TC-

27 settlement the timeline does not provide adequate time to consider all aspects of this proposal and how it may interact or support other changes. PacifiCorp requests that BPA revisit its proposed timeline in light of these comments and appreciates BPA's focus on these issues that are key to the region.

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