

# **2022 TOP Annual Customer Meeting Minutes**

September 1, 2022

## **Customers in Attendance:**

Clark	Lewis	Umatilla
Cowlitz	Lower Valley	N. Wasco
Grays Harbor	Okanogan	EWEB
Klickitat	Pend Oreille	

## **Minutes:**

- Cost Allocation
  - 1.8% overall increase:
    - Load: 20% - no change
    - Base: 34% vs 35%
    - Bus: 14% - no change
    - Line: 32% vs 31%
- TOPIC – 2022 Proposed Changes (Version 9)
  - Revised language of “Control Center” to “dispatch center”: During comment period, POPUD and Clark noted that words changed, not the definition. The suggested edits were incorporated into the V9 draft to better align with the purpose of dispatch center used in the TOPIC.
  - Modified system equipment change process
    - System Equipment Change Form submission timeline changed from 160 days to 210 days
      - BPA is held by RC West timeline
    - Concern about language in TOPIC – rebuild or replace equipment
      - Clarification made that BPA is referring to Transmission Assets – not necessarily maintenance on equipment. Main concern is if there is going to be a change in the equipment ratings and/or model
    - To meet RC West’s lead time, the system equipment process changed from 90 to 160 days; now there is a shift to 210 days notification to put it through all of the processes, even like-for-like equipment
    - Discussion about the changes on a system that would necessitate the need for submitting a System Equipment Change Form. BPA has taken the action to clarify the language on the System Equipment Change form - see below
      - Unless it is a true emergency situation, BPA will not be deviating from the TOPIC process for equipment changes, including like-for-like equipment
      - See action item below
- Cowlitz noted concern about changes to the new outage management system. They would like revisions highlighted so everyone knows the various constraints involved
  - See action item below
- Upcoming Schedule
  - October 2022:
    - Send out email to each TOP customer with 2023 cost billing table which will take effect January 1, 2023
    - Finalize TOPIC V9
    - Annual Data Exchange
  - January 2023
    - Annual System Review
    - TOP 2023 Costs effective January 1<sup>st</sup>

Please contact the TOP Team at [CSRP@bpa.gov](mailto:CSRP@bpa.gov) with any questions



**Action Items:**

- TPCR will clarify language in the system equipment change form
  - May include clarification in the TOPIC as well
- Steve Felker (BPA Operations) will follow up on Cowlitz request that all changes to outage forms be returned to them with changes highlighted
  - Steve sent a note to ITOA (new outage management system) team with that suggestion
  - Steve informed Celeste from BPA's outage office is going to call Lance and get some specifics, then she will see if there is a misunderstanding that we need to convey to all TOP customers. Celeste is willing to give a presentation on the new outage system to TOP customers.

*All materials will be posted on the [TOP Services Page](#)*