

Advance Notice of 2025 TSEP Cluster Study, Information on Timeline and Customer Eligibility for Participation

June 14, 2024

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) is providing notice of its intent to perform a Cluster Study of eligible transmission service requests (TSRs) over the Network portion of the Federal Columbia River Transmission System. On August 8, 2024, BPA will issue a final notice indicating its intent to perform a 2025 TSEP Cluster Study. Transmission customers will have until **12:00 PM Pacific Daylight Time (PDT) on August 15, 2024, to submit TSRs and associated data exhibits** for consideration in the 2025 Cluster Study. All TSRs submitted after this deadline will not be eligible for the 2025 Cluster Study, and will either be studied in a subsequent Cluster Study or on an individual basis as described below.

The Cluster Study will be performed pursuant to sections 19.10 and 32.6 of BPA's Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT). BPA's transmission service queue currently includes approximately 26 GW of requests for service across BPA's Network. The amount of generation resources that would support the TSRs currently in the queue along with the existing rights for long-term firm service on BPA's network greatly exceed the forecasted load in the Northwest. The ability to study suitable and realistic generation dispatch decreases as the amounts of expected generation and forecast load diverge. Due to the volume and complexity of eligible TSRs in BPA's queue, BPA is exploring different approaches to conducting the 2025 TSEP Cluster Study relative to how BPA has run past TSEP Cluster Studies. BPA will provide more information and hold a public meeting about the approach that will be used to conduct the 2025 TSEP Cluster Study.

BPA will require participants to execute a Cluster Study Agreement and to provide advance payment of their pro rata share of estimated costs. Cluster Study Agreements will be tendered to eligible participants in the fall of 2024. BPA expects to begin the 2025 TSEP Cluster Study in June 2025.

Eligibility

The term "eligible TSR" means a long-term firm PTP or NITS TSR or forecast TSR, except for requests for service over an intertie. In addition, as described above, BPA is exploring different approaches to conducting the 2025 TSEP Cluster Study relative to how BPA has run past TSEP Cluster Studies.

Opt-out for Individual Study

Transmission customers may request that an eligible TSR be studied individually, rather than in the Cluster Study, until **12:00 PM PDT on August 15, 2024**. Such individual study will be initiated following the completion of the 2025 Cluster Study. TSRs under an individual study will not be eligible for the 2025 Cluster Study or a future Cluster Study.

Conditional Firm Service Reconsideration

Customers will have the opportunity to request reconsideration of certain TSRs for Conditional Firm Service (CFS) in accordance with the [CFS Reconsideration Pilot business practice](#). Please see the [business practice](#) for details about requesting reconsideration of a TSR for CFS.

Customers may submit a request by email to CFSReconsiderations@BPA.gov and their Account Executive. Requests will be accepted from August 1, 2024, to August 15, 2024.

CFS reconsideration requests that are accepted will be tendered a Study Agreement and required to provide study funds in advance on a TSR MW basis.

Eligibility requirements for CFS Reconsideration include:

- The TSR must be in STUDY status in OASIS.
- The TSR must have participated in a previous TSEP Cluster Study or Individual Study.
- The Customer must have refused a previous offer of CFS.

Upcoming 2025 Cluster Study Timeline and Deadlines

- **June 14, 2024** – Advanced Notice of 2025 TSEP Cluster Study
- **August 8, 2024** – Final notice of 2025 TSEP Cluster Study
- **August 15, 2024 (12:00 PM PDT)**
 - Close of TSR and data exhibit submittal window for the 2025 TSEP Cluster Study, and deadline to request an individual study
 - Close of the CFS Reconsideration window
- **June 2025** – BPA expects to begin the 2025 TSEP Cluster Study in June 2025

For additional information, please refer to the [TSR Study and Expansion Process Business Practice](#) or visit the [TSEP web site](#) for easy access to all relevant forms and resources.

If there are questions, please contact your transmission account executive or email techforum@bpa.gov with “2025 Cluster Study” in the subject line.