

## **Advance Notice of 2021 Cluster Study, Information on Timeline and Customer Eligibility for Participation**

*July 1, 2020*

This notice serves as advance notice of Bonneville Power Administration Transmission Services' (BPAT) intent to perform a Cluster Study of certain transmission service requests (TSRs) over the Network portion of the the Federal Columbia River Transmission System. On August 31, 2020, BPAT will issue a subsequent notice on OASIS indicating its intent to perform a Cluster Study. BPAT will also provide identical notice through its Tech Forum email notification system.

Transmission customers will have until **5:00 PM Pacific Daylight Time (PDT) on August 31, 2020 to submit eligible TSRs and associated data exhibits** for inclusion in the 2021 Cluster Study. All TSRs submitted after this deadline will not be eligible for the 2021 Cluster Study, and will either be studied on an individual basis pursuant to section 19.1 or 32.1 of the BPAT OATT or in a subsequent Cluster Study if BPAT determines a System Impact Study (SIS) is required.

The Cluster Study will be performed pursuant to sections 19.10 and 32.6 of its Open Access Transmission Tariff (BPA OATT), and is expected to commence January 4, 2021. BPAT 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 2020.

### **Submission of Data Exhibits for Participation in 2021 Cluster Study**

Eligible customers in BPAT's long-term transmission request queue must complete and return by the deadline a relevant PTP or NT data exhibit for each eligible TSR to be studied in the 2021 Cluster Study. Failure by the customer to submit the relevant PTP or NT data exhibit by the deadline will result in BPAT changing the OASIS status to "DECLINED" and removing the TSR from its transmission queue. For NT customers to be eligible for participation in the 2021 Cluster Study, BPA will collect the relevant NT information through engagement between BPA and the NT customers, as necessary. Following are links to the 2021 Cluster Study data exhibits:

- [PTP Data Exhibit](#)
- [NT Data Exhibit](#)

### **Opt-out for Individual Study**

Transmission customers may request that an eligible TSR be studied individually, rather than in the Cluster Study, until **5:00 PM PDT on August 31, 2020**. Such individual study will be initiated following the completion of the 2021 Cluster Study. TSRs under an individual study will not be eligible for the 2021 Cluster Study or a future Cluster Study. Where a customer requests that an eligible TSR be studied individually, it must also submit the associated data exhibit on the same date that it requests the individual study. Failure by the customer to submit the relevant PTP or NT data exhibit on the same date it makes the request for individual study

will result in BPAT changing the OASIS status to “DECLINED” and removing the TSR from its transmission queue. See links above to the PTP and NT data exhibits.

### **Eligibility**

The term “eligible TSR” used herein means all long-term firm PTP or NT TSRs, with the following exceptions:

- Requests for Southern Intertie service, over either the Northwest AC Intertie (NWACI) or Pacific DC Intertie (PDCI)
- Requests for Montana Intertie service

### **Upcoming 2021 Cluster Study Timeline and Deadlines**

- **July 1, 2020** – OASIS Advanced Notice of 2021 Cluster Study
- **August 31, 2020 (5:00 PM PDT)** – Close of TSR and data exhibit submittal window for participation in 2021 Cluster Study, and deadline to request an individual study
- Where a customer requests that an eligible TSR be studied individually, it must also submit the associated data exhibit on the same date it requests an individual study
- **January 4, 2021** – BPA expects to begin 2021 Cluster Study

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 additional queries or concerns, please correspond with your transmission account executive or submit your query via email to [techforum@bpa.gov](mailto:techforum@bpa.gov) with “2021 Cluster Study” in the subject line.