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To Parties Interested in Bonneville's BP-22 Rate Proceeding and TC-22 Tariff Proceeding:

On December 1, 2020, the Bonneville Power Administration (Bonneville) will begin its 2022 Power and Transmission rate proceeding (the "BP-22" proceeding) and its 2022 Transmission Tariff Proceeding (the "TC-22" proceeding). The BP-22 and TC-22 proceedings are formal hearing processes in which interested parties have the opportunity to present evidence or comments about Bonneville's proposals and make alternative proposals. Bonneville has published a notice of each proceeding in the Federal Register. A copy of the Federal Register notices can be viewed at: for the BP-22 proceeding, <http://www.bpa.gov/goto/BP22>; and for the TC-22 proceeding, www.bpa.gov/goto/TC22.

The BP-22 Proceeding

The BP-22 proceeding will set power and transmission rates for a two-year period beginning October 1, 2021. Bonneville's proposed rate schedules and associated power and transmission testimony are available on Bonneville's website. The information developed in the proceeding will be the basis of the Bonneville Administrator's final Record of Decision (ROD) establishing final rates. The ROD will be issued in late July 2021. Bonneville's rates, including the final ROD and complete record of the proceeding, will be filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for review and approval.

The TC-22 Proceeding

The TC-22 proceeding will set or modify generally applicable open access transmission tariff (Tariff) terms and conditions to be effective on October 1, 2021. Bonneville's proposed Tariff and associated testimony are available on Bonneville's website. Similar to the rate proceeding, the information developed in the TC-22 proceeding will be the basis of the Bonneville Administrator's final ROD establishing the Tariff terms and conditions. The TC-22 ROD will be issued in late July 2021.

How to Participate or Comment

An entity that wants to become a party to the proceeding(s) must file a petition to intervene with the Hearing Officer for the proceeding. The federal register notice for each proceeding includes information about filing a petition to intervene.

Individuals that are not parties to the proceedings may submit comments regarding the proposals. Bonneville's Administrator considers all comments when making final decisions. Written comments can be submitted on-line at Bonneville's Web site: www.bpa.gov/comment until

March 1, 2021. Please include the applicable project name, “BP-22” or “TC-22,” with your comments.

Notice of Prohibition on *Ex Parte* Communications

This letter serves as notice that the prohibition on *ex parte* communications set forth in section 1010.5 of Bonneville’s Rules of Procedure applies to the BP-22 and TC-22 proceedings, beginning as of December 1, 2020. The prohibition will remain in effect until the Administrator signs the final RODs concluding the proceedings.

The *ex parte* rule provides that no party or participant in the BP-22 or TC-22 proceedings may conduct *ex parte* communications with the Administrator, or any Bonneville employee, regarding any matter pending before the Administrator in the proceeding, and that neither the Administrator nor any Bonneville employee may request or entertain such communications. The purpose of the *ex parte* rule is to assure that all oral or written communications with Bonneville regarding any matter pending in the BP-22 and TC-22 proceedings are made on the record for the proceeding. Please see section 1010.5 of Bonneville’s Rules of Procedure for more details about the prohibition on *ex parte* communications.

For more information

If you have questions or want more information on the BP-22 rate case or the TC-22 proceeding, please call Bonneville toll free at (800) 622-4520. Additional information is available on the BP-22 Web site at: <http://www.bpa.gov/goto/BP22> and on the TC-22 proceeding at: www.bpa.gov/goto/TC22.