

## What is the BPA 2016 Transmission Plan?

Each annual Attachment K planning cycle concludes with posting a document describing BPA's ten year plan for the transmission system. Historically, as well as in BPA's Transmission tariff, this document has been called the "BPA Plan". Beginning with 2016 and continuing for future planning cycles, this information will instead be part of a document called the BPA Transmission Plan.

Although the BPA Transmission Plan is a much larger document, the **Transmission Needs** section, which begins on page 67, contains the same information that has historically been provided in the BPA Plan document.

The reason for this change is that BPA needed a more comprehensive document which not only describes projects planned over the ten year horizon, but also provides an overview of Transmission Planning's processes which lead up to the development of the ten year plan. Rather than produce 2 separate documents, the BPA Plan was folded into the Transmission Plan so that one report can serve both purposes. However, the Transmission Plan was organized so that the relevant information for Attachment K can be found in the Transmission Needs section.

BPA's Final 2016 Transmission Plan, was posted at the end of December, after the Draft had been posted for a three week comment period in which no comments were received.

