



# Transmission Services

## Network Operating Committee Minutes

**Date:** February 10, 2020

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

**Where:** BPA Rates Hearing Room, 1201 Lloyd Blvd., Suite 200, Portland, OR

### Agenda Items Discussed

Topic
Welcome, Safety Moment, Phone Etiquette Introductions & NOC Meeting Plan for 2020
NOC Charter Review and Discussion
NOA <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Review Customer Comments &amp; BPA Responses</li><li>Next Steps</li></ul>
NT Dialogue <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>2019 Recap</li><li>Lessons Learned &amp; Brainstorming for 2020</li></ul>
NT Product Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Review/Feedback - New BPA Document</li></ul>
Next Steps and Wrap Up Future NOC topics?

### Attendees:

- Kevin Holland – Avista
- Brian Altman – BPA
- Jim Bennett – BPA
- Eric Carter – BPA
- Don Hokanson – BPA
- John Kerr – BPA
- Melanie Jackson – BPA
- Ben Lo – BPA
- Margaret Pedersen-Mainzer – BPA
- Katie Sheckells – BPA
- Troy Simpson – BPA
- Martin Wick – BPA
- Suzanne Zoller – BPA
- Robert Brunson – Central Electric Coop
- Deanna Carlson – Cowlitz PUD
- Branden Staehly – Columbia River PUD
- Jess Dory – Douglas Electric Coop
- Scott Davis – Kootenai Electric Coop
- Michelle Patterson – Mason PUD 3
- Ryan Neale – Mill Creek Law (representing WPAG)
- Kurt Conger – Northern Wasco County PUD
- Jennifer Kelly – Northern Waco County PUD
- Blake Weathers – NRU
- Carol Opatrny – Opatrny Consulting (representing UEC)
- Zack Kanner – PacifiCorp
- Roger Gray – PNGC



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## NOC Charter Review and Discussion

- Reminder and clarification that the NOC is focused on addressing technical and operational issues.
- BPA is endeavoring to update the NT BP this year, however, that process will occur outside of the NOC, through a specific public process for development of policy.
- NOC meeting frequency was discussed – can be held quarterly/annually, or as needed.

## NOA

- BPA representatives Jim Bennett, Martin Wick, Troy Simpson, and Don Hokanson walked through BPA's responses to customer comments on the v.2 NOA.
- The NOA template is planned to be completed by end of March, and will be transitioned to Account Executives/Account Specialists for implement and any bi-lateral negotiations with customers.
- Target to implement agrees as soon as feasible, by fall of 2020 to the extent possible.
- Robust discussion on RAS; agreement to address this topic in more detail with BPA SMEs in a future NOC meeting.
- EIM was also discussed; agreement to address EIM issues in relation to NT in a future NOC. Also, EIM issues are on the schedule this year for month customer workshops, and also some customer led workshops.
- BPA expects the v.3 draft template is nearly final; **final comments due by 2/24** to [Tech Forum](#) and please cc your Account Executive.
- **WebEx is scheduled on 3/6/20 from 9-10:00 AM** to address any final comments on NOA template.  
<https://doe.webex.com/doe/j.php?MTID=mea8f7442724376cf2b882de9cc4c9ad5>  
Meeting number (access code): 903 312 083

## NT Dialogue

- Reviewed 2019 process; resource forecast seemed to be better, with some minor improvements that BPA could make – NRU will follow-up with specific comments.
- Load forecasting still needs to be address/clarified/improved – NRU would like to address before the June NOC, as the 2020 NT Dialogue process is planned to begin in May; NRU expressed a preference for early May.

## NT Product Overview

- Overall very positive feedback received, with some areas for potential improvement/tweaks. Please send any suggestions for future version to NT Product Manager [Suzanne Zoller](#), and copy your AE.
- This is a living document and will be updated from time-to-time; it will be posted soon at this location: [bpa.gov](#)

## Next Steps/Wrap –Up

Future NOC topics of interest to the group were noted: RAS, EIM/NT, load/resource forecasting (especially load), and processes for new transmission builds.