

Advance Notice of 2020 Cluster Study, Information on Timeline and Customer Eligibility for Participation

July 1, 2019

This notice serves as reasonable 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 Federal Columbia River Transmission System. On August 30, 2019, 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.

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 2, 2020. 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 2019.

Transmission customers will have until **5:00 PM Pacific Daylight Time (PDT) on August 30, 2019** to submit eligible TSRs for inclusion in the 2020 Cluster Study. All TSRs submitted after this deadline will not be eligible for the 2020 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.

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 30, 2019**. Such Individual Study will be initiated following the completion of the 2020 Cluster Study. TSRs under an Individual Study will not be eligible for the 2020 Cluster Study or a future Cluster Study.

Submission of Data Exhibits

Eligible customers in BPAT's long-term transmission request queue as of 5:00 PM PDT July 31, 2019 will have until 5:00 PM August 16, 2019 to complete and return a relevant PTP or NT data exhibit for each TSR to be studied in the 2020 Cluster Study. For TSRs submitted between 5:00 PM PDT July 31, 2019 and 5:00 PM PDT August 30, 2019 to be studied in the 2020 Cluster Study, customers must complete and return a relevant PTP or NT data exhibit for each TSR by 5:00 PM PDT, September 13, 2019. Failure by the customer to submit the relevant PTP or NT data exhibit by the deadline will result in BPAT removing the TSR from its transmission queue. Links to the 2020 Cluster Study data exhibits are provided below. For eligible forecasted NT resources, BPAT expects to receive the necessary data exhibit information through the current NT Dialogue Process.

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



Eligibility

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

- Requests for service over the Montana Intertie, Northwest AC Intertie (COI) and Pacific DC Intertie (PDCI)

Summary of Deadlines

- July 1, 2019 – OASIS Advanced Notice of 2020 Cluster Study
- August 16, 2019 (5:00 PM PDT) – Data Exhibit deadline for eligible TSRs in the queue as of 5:00 PM PDT, July 31, 2019
- August 30, 2019 (5:00 PM PDT) – Close of TSR submittal window for 2020 Cluster Study and opt-out deadline for Individual Study
- September 13, 2019 (5:00 PM PDT) – Data Exhibit deadline for eligible TSRs submitted between 5:00 PM PDT July 31, 2019 and 5:00 PM PDT August 30, 2019
- January 2, 2020 – Begin 2020 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 with “2020 Cluster Study” in the subject line.

