

## **Advance Notice of 2019 Cluster Study, Information on Timeline and Customer Eligibility for Participation**

*July 16, 2018*

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 31, 2018, 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, 2019. BPAT will require participants to execute a Cluster Study Agreement and to provide advance payment of their pro rata share of estimated costs; however, BPAT will not allocate costs to identify the plan(s) of service necessary to replace the I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project (I-5 Project) to participants of the 2019 Cluster Study or a previous Cluster Study. BPAT is conducting the study and identification of the plan(s) of service necessary to replace the I-5 Project separately from the 2019 Cluster Study, though these results are expected to be included in the 2019 Cluster Study report issued to each participant. Cluster Study Agreements will be tendered to eligible participants in September/October 2018.

Transmission customers will have until **5:00 PM Pacific Daylight Time (PDT) on August 31, 2018** to submit eligible transmission service requests (TSRs) for inclusion in the 2019 Cluster Study. All TSRs submitted after this deadline will not be eligible for the 2019 Cluster Study, and will either be studied on an individual basis pursuant to section 19.1 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 31, 2018**. Such Individual Study will be initiated following the completion of the 2019 Cluster Study. TSRs under an Individual Study will not be eligible for the 2019 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, 2018 will have until August 15, 2018 to complete and return a relevant PTP or NT data exhibit for each TSR to be studied in the 2019 Cluster Study. For TSRs submitted between 5:00 PM PDT July 31, 2018 and 5:00 PM PDT August 31, 2018 to be studied in the 2019 Cluster Study, customers must complete and return a relevant PTP or NT data exhibit for each TSR by 5:00 PM PDT, September 14, 2018.



## **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); or
- Requests that do not qualify for rollover, as defined in section 2.2 of the BPA OATT.

Pending requests that were studied previously will be included as inputs to the 2019 Cluster Study but will not be included in the cost allocation of the 2019 Cluster Study.

## **Summary of Deadlines**

- July 16, 2018 – OASIS Advanced Notice of 2019 Cluster Study
- August 15, 2018 – Data Exhibit deadline for eligible TSRs in the queue on July 31, 2018.
- August 31, 2018 – Close of TSR submittal window for 2019 Cluster Study
- September 14, 2018 – Data Exhibit and Individual Study deadline for eligible TSRs submitted between August 1 and August 31, 2018.
- January 2, 2019 – Begin 2019 Cluster Study.

For additional information, please refer to the [TSR Study and Expansion Process Business Practice](#) posted to BPA’s website.

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 “2019 Cluster Study” in the subject line.

