

Notice of 2019 Cluster Study

August 31, 2018

Bonneville Power Administration Transmission Services (BPAT) is providing notice that it has decided to conduct a Cluster Study of certain Transmission Service Requests (TSRs) for service over the Network portion of the Federal Columbia River Transmission System. BPAT will conduct the Cluster Study pursuant to sections 19.10 and 32.6 of BPAT's Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT), and it is expected to commence on January 2, 2019.

BPAT will require participants to execute a Cluster Study Agreement and to provide advance payment of their pro rata share of the estimated costs. 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 identifying 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. Cluster Study Agreements will be tendered to eligible participants in September/October 2018.

As provided for in the advance notice that BPAT posted to its OASIS on July 16, 2018, transmission customers will have until **5:00 PM Pacific Daylight Time (PDT) Friday, August 31, 2018** to submit eligible TSRs for inclusion in the 2019 Cluster Study. All TSRs submitted after this deadline will not be eligible for the 2019 Cluster Study. These TSRs 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 Friday, August 31, 2018**. Such individual study process 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

For eligible TSRs in BPAT's long-term transmission service request queue as of 5:00 PM PDT July 31, 2018, customers were required to complete and return the relevant data exhibits by August 15, 2018 in order for each TSR to remain eligible for the 2019 Cluster Study.

For eligible TSRs submitted between 5:00 PM PDT on July 31, 2018 and 5:00 PM PDT on August 31, 2018, customers must complete and return a relevant data exhibit for each TSR by **5:00 PM PDT, September 14, 2018**, in order for each TSR to continue to be eligible to participate in the 2019 Cluster Study. Failure to submit the relevant data exhibit by the deadline will result in removal of the TSR from the BPAT transmission queue. Links to the data exhibit templates are included below.

[PTP Data Exhibit](#)

[NT Data Exhibit](#)



Completed data exhibits should be submitted to txrequests@bpa.gov, with a copy to the customer's Transmission Account Executive.

Eligibility

The term "eligible TSR" used herein means all long-term firm 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.

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 with "2019 Cluster Study" in the subject line.