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RE: Tacoma Power Comments on BPA Questionnaire on Transmission Load service and ATC

Dear Ms. Nichols-Kinas

Tacoma appreciates BPA's request to seek input on its assumptions for modeling Network segment long term ATC. However Tacoma, like many of BPA's Network customers, does not have the technical knowledge and expertise of BPA's Network to recommend now specific single assumptions for determining long term ATC on BPA's transmission system.

We recommend that BPA run multiple scenarios based upon its planner's expertise and knowledge of the Network segment topology. Generally we believe the system modeling should reflect all likely extreme stress conditions under different hydro, wind, and temperature scenarios giving effect to expected changes in resource operations and loads. Different modeling runs should inform how sensitive different assumptions are on the flow gates. Those results could then be presented at a future workshop to inform any final decisions.

We understand transmission planning to be a fine balance between costs and reliability and look forward to working with BPA to strike that balance. In closing, we appreciate BPA's public process around the Transmission Load Service issues and look forward to participation in future workshops and meetings. If you have any questions please contact Jim Russell at 253-502-8395 (jrussell@cityoftacoma.org).

Sincerely,

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