

Notice of 2020 Cluster Study

August 30, 2019

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). The study is expected to commence on January 2, 2020.

As provided in the [advance notice of the Cluster Study](#) that BPAT posted to its OASIS on July 1, 2019, transmission customers will have until **5:00 PM Pacific Daylight Time (PDT) Friday, August 30, 2019** to submit eligible TSRs for inclusion in the 2020 Cluster Study. All long-term firm TSRs will be eligible for the 2020 Cluster Study except for requests for service over the Montana Intertie, Northwest AC Intertie (COI) and Pacific DC Intertie (PDCI). Eligible TSRs submitted after this deadline will not be included in the 2020 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 study is required.

Transmission customers will be required to execute a Cluster Study Agreement for their eligible TSRs and to provide advance payment of their pro rata share of the estimated study costs except for eligible TSRs that were studied in a previous cluster or individual study. These TSRs will be included as an input to the 2020 Cluster Study but will not be included in the cost allocation of the 2020 Cluster Study

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 30, 2019**. Such individual study process 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

For eligible TSRs in BPAT's long-term transmission service request queue as of 5:00 PM PDT July 31, 2019, customers were required to complete and return the relevant data exhibits by August 16, 2019 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, 2019 and 5:00 PM PDT on August 30, 2019, customers must complete and return a relevant data exhibit for each TSR by **5:00 PM PDT, September 13, 2019**, in order for each TSR to continue to be eligible to participate in the 2020 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

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 "2020 Cluster Study" in the subject line.

