

## **Advance Notice of 2013 Cluster Study, Information on Timeline and Customer Eligibility for Participation**

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This notice is intended to serve 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 May 31, 2013, BPAT will issue a formal 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 the non-PTSA portion of sections 19.10 and 32.6 of its Open Access Transmission Tariff (BPA OATT), commencing September 1, 2013. BPA-TS will not require a Precedent Transmission Service Agreement to participate in the Cluster Study, but 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 offered to eligible participants in early July.

Transmission customers will have until 5:00 PM Pacific Daylight Time (PDT) on May 31, 2013 to submit eligible transmission service requests (TSRs) for inclusion in the 2013 Cluster Study. All TSRs submitted after this deadline will not be eligible for the 2013 Cluster Study, and will either be studied on an individual basis pursuant to section 19.1 of the BPA OATT or in a future year Cluster Study if BPA determines a System Impact Study (SIS) is required.

### **Opt-out for Individual Study**

Transmission customers may elect an individual SIS until 5:00 PM PDT on May 31, 2013. Such individual SIS will be initiated following the completion of the 2013 Cluster Study. TSRs under an individual SIS will not be eligible for the 2013 Cluster Study or in a future Cluster Study.

### **Submission of Data Exhibits**

Customers in BPAT's long-term transmission request queue as of 5:00 PM PDT April 30, 2013 will have until May 15, 2013 to complete and return a relevant PTP or NT data exhibit for each TSR to be studied in the 2013 Cluster Study. For TSRs submitted between 5:00 PM PDT April 30, 2013 and 5:00 PM PDT May 31, 2013 to be studied in the 2013 Cluster Study, customers must complete and return a relevant PTP or NT data exhibit for each TSR by 5:00 PM PDT, June 14, 2013.

### **Eligibility**

The term "eligible TSR" used herein means all long-term firm PTP or NT TSRs requesting service using current valid reservation points, with the following exceptions:

- Requests for service over the Montana Intertie, Northwest AC Intertie (COI) and Pacific DC Intertie (PDCI); or
- Pending requests under a 2008, 2009, or 2010 Precedent Transmission Service Agreement.
- PTP requests that are less than five years in duration.

For additional information, please correspond with your transmission account executive or submit your query via email to [techforum@bpa.gov](mailto:techforum@bpa.gov) with "2013 Cluster Study" in the subject line.

