BPA Response to Customer Comments on BP-26 IPR Cost Forecasts

The Bonneville Power Administration concluded the BP-26 Integrated Program Review on October 23, 2024, forecasting program costs for the next rate period covering fiscal years 2026, 2027 and 2028. These forecast IPR costs serve as an input into the development of power and transmission rates.

After completing the BP-26 Integrated Program Review, BPA gave stakeholders the opportunity to submit comments regarding any new information or changed circumstances that arose after the BP-26 Federal Register Notice was issued on November 13, 2024. BPA received three public comments, which are posted on the BP-26 Integrated Program Review site.

Concurrently with the review of these comments, BPA Staff and customers engaged in negotiations and have reached a proposed settlement agreement of the BP-26 Power and Transmission rates which is now before the Administrator in the BP-26 Rate Case. The proposed settlement agreements moot issues related to cost forecasts used in the BP-26 Rate Case. Therefore, BPA is not changing IPR cost forecasts in response to the comments received.

BPA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) determined that a within-rate period adjustment is required because of an updated forecast from Corps. This update has no impact on the total cost forecast for the BP-26 rate period and simply shifts Corps costs between FY 2026, 2027 and 2028 consistent with the Corps' request. BPA will reflect this change in the BP-26 Power Rates Final Proposal to ensure alignment with the Corps Congressional Budget submission. BPA has posted updated IPR Cost Forecast Income Statement Exhibits reflecting the change on the BP-26 Integrated Program Review.

Thank you for your engagement in our Integrated Program Review and subsequent comment period.

Sincerely,

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