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To Power Customers,

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) is planning to calculate Provider of Choice Contract High Water Marks (CHWMs) in fiscal year (FY) 2026. To have the inputs for the FY 2026 CHWM calculation, BPA is requesting data and review of inputs in FY 2025. This letter addresses the upcoming deadlines and customer engagement requested for the CHWM-related data inputs.

FY 2023 Total Retail Load (TRL) and Weather Normalization

On Oct. 22, 2024, BPA presented an overview of its [CHWM TRL Weather Normalization Process](#). There are a number of deadlines coming up for the weather normalization process. **Please submit all requests and questions to both your Power Account Executive and KSLF@bpa.gov.**

Action	Due Date	Requirements for customer
Weather Station	Dec. 31, 2024	Customers may request BPA to consider using a different weather station for the weather normalization process. A list of current weather stations is available at https://www.bpa.gov/-/media/Aep/power/provider-of-choice/Implementation/chwm-weather-normalization-weather-stations-by-customer.xlsx .
Irrigation Data	Jan. 31, 2025	Customers must provide monthly irrigation amounts and system distribution losses for the period of CY 2013 to CY 2023 if they would like to have irrigation data normalized separate from their TRL.
Hourly Load Data (Regional Dialogue Contract Requirement)	Jan. 31, 2025	If a customer's Regional Dialogue contract requires them to provide hourly load data to BPA, they must do so no later than Dec. 31, 2024. Load forecasting will follow up if any resolution needed and requires any final changes by Jan. 31, 2025.

After the deadlines, each customer's load forecaster and Power Account Executive will engage with customers to review each customer's weather normalization data. Below is a list of anticipated action items and estimated timing.

Action	Expected Timing	Requested customer action
Review Load Data	February 2025	BPA requests that customers review the TRL and irrigation data that BPA intends to use for the weather normalization process. BPA expects this work to begin early February 2025 and is looking to complete it by the end of the month.
Draft Weather Normalization Data	June 2025	BPA will share with each customer the specific calculation of the load-temperature relationship for their service territory and the resulting load adjustment to normal weather conditions. Customers may provide feedback on the data in June.
Review Any Issues with Draft Data	July 2025	BPA will consider feedback provided in June and evaluate whether to make any changes to its weather normalization calculation. Depending on the scale of changes to the weather normalization approach based on feedback, BPA may initiate public engagement. BPA would publish an updated schedule and timing but expects to resolve all weather normalization work by the end of FY 2025. If no feedback, draft weather normalization data would apply.

Economic Adjustment to TRL and Contracted For/Committed To (CF/CT) Subsequent CHWM Adjustment Evaluation

Customers seeking to qualify for the economic adjustment to TRL or the CF/CT adjustment were required to submit their loads for consideration by Oct. 1, 2024. BPA staff have been evaluating those requests and working with customers when additional information was required. Staff are striving to complete evaluations by the end of December 2024. The evaluation will confirm whether a customer qualifies for the applicable adjustment and identify the maximum adjustment amount the customer could qualify for under its request.

New Large Single Loads (NLSLs)

BPA will not weather normalize NLSL loads. Staff will be working with the Power Account Executives to reach out to customers with NLSLs to review the NLSL load data. This work is expected to take place between December 2024 and February 2025 based on BPA and customer staff availability. BPA intends to complete this review in FY 2025.

Non-federal Resources

The CHWM Implementation Policy's Attachment A captures the non-federal resource amounts that will be used in the FY 2026 CHWM calculation. Bonneville is considering comments it received during the comment period and intends to publish a draft final policy in February 2025. Bonneville will publish the final policy, including any remaining Attachment A updates required

such as any approved resource removals, alongside the expected Provider of Choice Contract Record of Decision, in August 2025.

Self-Funded Conservation

Customers have until the final reporting date of FY 2025, typically during the last week of September, to submit self-funded conservation to BPA for FY 2022 and FY 2023. Customer data must meet the requirements defined in the Provider of Choice Policy to qualify for the conservation adjustment to the FY 2026 CHWM calculation.

If you have any questions, please reach out to your Power Account Executive or post2028@bpa.gov.

Thank you,

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