



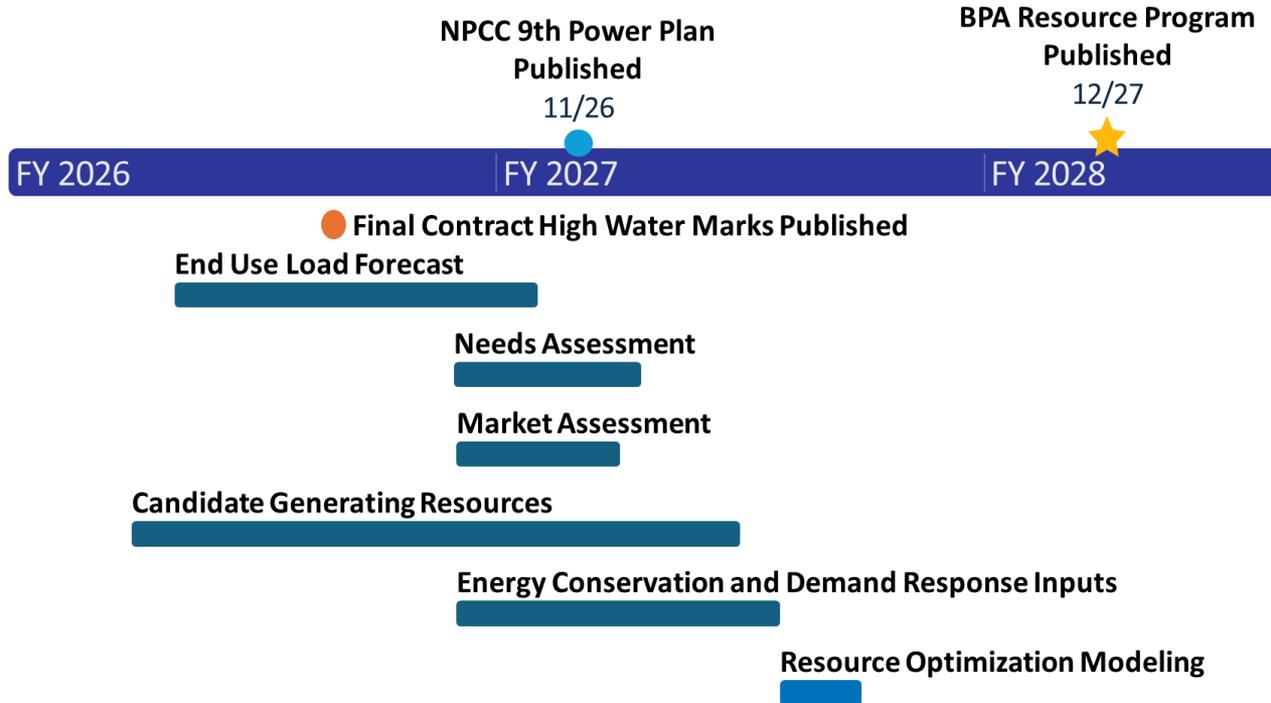
# Long-Term Load Service: Resource Acquisition

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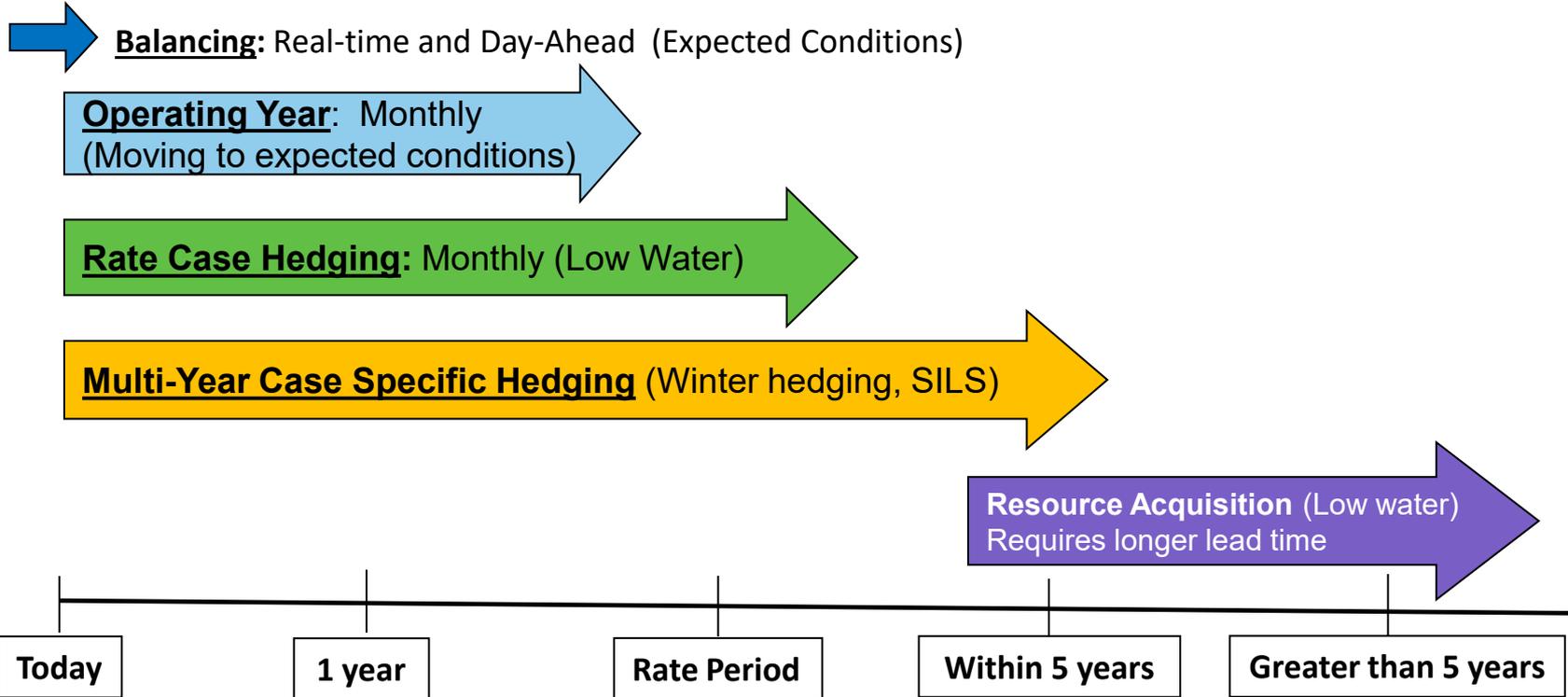


# Resource Program Timeline



# Multiple Tools to Meet Federal Load Obligations

**Objective:** Ensure system reliability and maximize FCRPS value through commercial activity



# Long-term Tools to Meet Load Service

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Resource Tools

**Rate Case Hedging**  
Monthly (Low water)

**Multi-Year Hedging**  
(Bridge solution, low water)

**Resource Acquisition (Low water)**  
Requires longer lead time

Loads

Balance of Regional Dialogue

Provider of Choice load, initial

Provider of Choice load, Long-term

Today  
2026

July: Load  
Level (T2)  
Known

Winter 26/27:  
Needs Assessment  
Completed

Greater than  
5 years

# Long-term Resource Acquisition (NPA § 6)

**§ 6(a)(2)** – Authority to acquire resource to “meet... contractual obligations,” with different requirements and processes for “major” and non-major resources

- § 6(c) – Major resource (larger than 50 aMW and acquired for more than 5 years)
  - § 6(c) requires a 1+ year public process
  - Must be consistent with the NW Power Council’s power plan (or specifically authorized by Congress)
    - Priority to “cost-effective” resources
    - Priority first to conservation; second to renewables; third to cogen/high fuel efficiency; and fourth to all others
- § 6(b)(2) Non-major resource (up to 50 aMW and acquired for 5 years or less)
  - Must be consistent with the Council’s power plan *or* consistent with the criteria and considerations of § 4(e)(1) and § 4(e)(2) as determined by the Administrator
    - Priority to “cost-effective” resources
    - Priority first to conservation; second to renewables; third to cogen/high fuel efficiency; and fourth to all others

**§ 6(d)** – Authority to acquire experimental (&c.) resources with potential for providing cost-effective service to the region

- Cannot be a “major resource,” i.e., must be 50 aMW or smaller *or* acquired for 5 years or less
- Authority *not* conditioned on BPA’s contractual obligations, i.e., BPA can acquire irrespective of need

# Major Resource Acquisition

## Commercial Activities

Activity	Notes	Org	Estimated Duration (mo)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Notification to issue RFO	Includes Statement of Intent	Power	1	█									
Development & Run RFO	RFO Details: Product, Timing, Quantity, Trans. Structure (Pricing, Tx Linkage), Delivery, Evaluation Criteria. Host Bidder's Conference	Power	2	█	█								
Initial RFO Evaluation	Applying Evaluation Criteria, Score Qualifications, Select Short-List of Suppliers for Second Round of Engagement	Power	1			█							
Round 1 Supplier Engagement	Engage Selected Suppliers, Provide Additional Guidance and Details to Allowing Suppliers to Refine Offer with Firm Pricing	Power	3				█	█	█				
Final RFO Evaluation and Selection	Applying Evaluation Criteria, Score Bids, Select Suppliers for Engagement	Power	1							█			
Notification of Selection; Initial Contract Negotiations	Notify selected Suppliers, Initiate 6C process, Notify Tier 2 Vintage Customers	Power/ Legal	1								█		
Procedural Reviews and Determinations	Perform NEPA and NEPA ROD, 6c and 6c ROD, 6m, Coordination	EC/Power / Legal											
Final Contract Negotiations and Execution	Engage in Final contract Negotiations with Selected Suppliers and Execute Contract(s)	Power/ Legal											

*Resource Acquisition Strategy: Commercial tasks completed 6 to 8 months.*

- *6(c) proceeding, final negotiation, and ROD additional 12 to 24 months, with some potential to parallel/overlap tasks*
- *Risk to the process length depends on selected resource types, and NEPA*

# Uncertainties Abound *(not unique to BPA)*

## *Planning and Structural Uncertainties*

- *Resource timing and availability (e.g. transmission constraints, global supply chain, legislative challenges)*
- *Resource projected costs vs. actual PPA costs*
- *State carbon costs and treatment*
- *Wholesale market depth, reliance, actual market prices*

## *Resource Selection and Rates Uncertainties*

- *Specific resource type(s)*
- *Rates will be linked to actual resource costs, which will be derived from the executed PPA, and set in the rate case*

## *Next Steps*

- *Continue engagement with developers*
- *Winter 26/27 Needs Assessment is complete*
- *Analysis and potential market solicitation follows*

# Conclusion & Next Steps

**We'll be back!**

We'll continue this conversation at future workshops

**Thank you**

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