

United States Senate

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The Honorable John Hairston
Administrator
Bonneville Power Administration
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RE: MTM-3

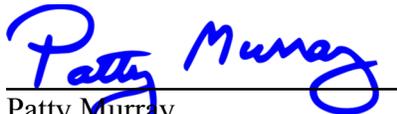
Dear Administrator Hairston:

We write to request that you extend the Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) public comment period on the draft policy decision to participate in the Southwest Power Pool's Markets+ day-ahead market. Given the magnitude and complexity of this decision, it is critical that BPA allow sufficient time for the public to provide input before it finalizes its decision.

BPA's participation in a day-ahead market will have significant, complex, and long-term consequences for electricity affordability and reliability in the Pacific Northwest. Recently we have received requests for an extension of the public comment period from utilities, industrial customers, Tribes, and other stakeholders. An extension would provide the region with additional time to both thoroughly review BPA's draft policy decision and provide meaningful comments. An extension will also ensure that there is a robust public record behind BPA's final decision, and provides BPA the ability to appropriately incorporate the views of the entire region.

We appreciate your consideration of our request for an extension of the public comment period on BPA's draft day-ahead market policy decision by no less than 30 days. Should you elect not to extend the public comment, we request a response explaining how such a decision contributes to BPA's commitment to its stated core values, including trustworthy stewardship and collaborative relationships.

Sincerely,



Patty Murray
United States Senator



Ron Wyden
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Jeffrey A. Merkley
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