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# BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Section 7(b)(1) of the Northwest Power Act requires BPA to establish a “rate or rates” for the sale of firm electric power to meet the “general requirements” load of public body, cooperative, and federal agency customers (public customers, or “Publics”). 16 U.S.C. § 839e(b)(1). The public customers’ “general requirements” load is the electric power they purchase from the Administrator under Section 5(b) of the Northwest Power Act, excluding new large single loads. *Id.* at § 839e(b)(4).

This Public Rate Design Methodology (PRDM) is the rate methodology BPA will use beginning FY 2029-30 to develop the Section 7(b) rate for the general requirements of Publics with Contract High Water Mark (CHWM) Contracts. For purposes of the PRDM, the Section 7(b) rate is referred to as the Priority Firm Power (PF) rate. Consistent with Section 7(b) and the rate design discretion afforded to the Administrator by Section 7(e) of the Northwest Power Act, the PF rate design, as described herein, will be composed of two tiers. The first tier (Tier 1 Rates) sets rates designed to recover the costs associated with serving a public customer’s general requirements load that is designated as CHWM Load under the terms of the public customer's CHWM Contract. The second tier (Tier 2 Rates) sets rates designed to recover the costs associated with serving a public customer’s general requirements load that is designated as Above-Contract High Water Mark (Above-CHWM) Load under the terms of the public customer’s CHWM Contract. The PRDM specifies how PF rates will be developed by BPA under these two tiers, with the objective of ensuring—to the maximum extent practical—that Tier 1 Rates do not include costs of serving a public customer’s Above-CHWM Load.

Other (not Core Rate Design) rate adjustments, charges, and special provisions, as well as the rate design applicable to products and services not included in the PRDM, will be established in each 7(i) Process.

## Two-Year Rate Periods

BPA determinations of specific rate levels will be made in a manner consistent with the PRDM in the respective 7(i) Process during the term of this PRDM. Under the PRDM, BPA will set power rates for Rate Periods no longer than two years.

**1.2 Duration of the PRDM**

This PRDM will be effective October 1, 2028, and will apply until all contracts that sell power at rates set pursuant to the PRDM have expired.

**1.3 Scope of PRDM References and Descriptions**

The PRDM addresses cost allocation and rate design of the PF rates applicable to the general requirements of public customers taking service under a CHWM Contract. It does not address the cost allocation or rate design of any other rate. Throughout the PRDM, there are references to BPA’s power costs in aggregate, or to elements of BPA’s power costs that are not recovered solely through the PF rates applicable to the PRDM. Section 2.2 states that all costs BPA functionalizes to power will be included in the Revenue Requirement Table. Each line item on the Revenue Requirement Table will be allocated to matching line items on the Allocated Tiered Cost Table (Table 2-1) established for each rate pool. The Cost Pools on the Allocated Tiered Cost Table for the PF rate pool will establish the treatment of costs to be recovered through either the various Tier 1 Rates or the various Tier 2 Rates. These Cost Pools on the Allocated Tiered Cost Table do not address BPA power costs on the Revenue Requirement Table that are to be recovered through (allocated to) other rates, such as the New Resources Firm Power (NR) rate or the Industrial Firm Power (IP) rate.

To the extent the PRDM refers to costs beyond those to be recovered through tiered PF rates, this is not intended to imply that tiered PF rates will be designed to recover those costs. Rather, these statements should be understood in the context of the sequential process. That is, BPA will first determine its overall total system costs, then functionalize those costs to Power Services and Transmission Services, and then allocate the total Power system costs among its applicable rates *(e.g.,* PF, PF Exchange, IP, NR, FPS, others), in accordance with the rate directives of Section 7 of the Northwest Power Act. The provisions of the PRDM apply after this allocation, and only apply to the portion of costs and revenues allocated to PF rate(s) receiving service under a CHWM Contract. (See Figure 2-1.) The PRDM does not address issues relating to other BPA rates, except the PF Exchange Rate for Publics with CHWM Contracts as described in Section 8.4.1.

# COST ALLOCATIONS

The PRDM specifies how costs will be allocated to the Tier 1 Cost Pools and the Tier 2 Cost Pools that are used to calculate the Tier 1 and Tier 2 Rates. BPA will set all its rates, including the Tier 1 and Tier 2 Rates, in each 7(i) Process.

## Cost Allocation Principles

The following principles were applied in developing the PRDM Cost Allocation Method and will be used for allocating costs that are not specifically addressed in the PRDM.

1) Tiering is a ratemaking construct implemented through an allocation of costs rather than an allocation of power.

2) Costs not otherwise expressly allocated in the PRDM will be allocated to Cost Pools based on the principles of cost causation, meaning the costs will be allocated to the Cost Pool(s) that benefit from or cause such costs.

3) Tier 1 Costs will be kept separate and distinct from Tier 2 Costs. Tier 1 Costs will be recovered through the Tier 1 Rates. Tier 2 Costs will be recovered through Tier 2 Rates, except when necessary to ensure BPA’s cost recovery during a Rate Period or to conform to court ruling as provided for in Chapter 9.

4) Tier 2 Cost Pools will be kept separate from one another. Each Tier 2 Rate will recover only the costs of the applicable Tier 2 Cost Pool. BPA will seek to recover all costs of the applicable Tier 2 Cost Pool from customers purchasing power from that Tier 2 Cost Pool before proposing any reallocation of costs to the Composite Cost Pool.

5) Cost separation between the Cost Pools will not affect the operation or dispatch of the Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS).

6) The ratemaking separation of costs between Tier 1 and Tier 2 Cost Pools, and among the Tier 2 Cost Pools, will not necessarily be the same as BPA’s accounting treatment of the costs. When differences arise between ratemaking and accounting, the ratemaking allocations determined in accordance with this chapter will govern BPA’s ratemaking.

7) BPA’s allocation of costs among the Composite, Non-Slice, and Slice Cost Pools will recognize the types of costs distinct to the type of service associated with each Cost Pool.

8) The public customers have entered into a long-term CHWM Contract with BPA, which commits the public customer to purchase (and BPA to supply) electric power for the duration of the contract (as described therein) at rates that recover BPA’s total system costs consistent with Section 7 of the Northwest Power Act. As partial consideration for this long-term commitment, and the long-term commitments in the CHWM Contract incorporating the PRDM, the revenues and costs associated with the sales of secondary energy will be treated in the following manner:

a) all revenues forecast by BPA from its sale of secondary energy produced by the Federal Base System and other resources acquired by the Administrator will continue to be credited to power rates pursuant to Northwest Power Act Section 7(g) against costs that are properly allocated to rates for recovery from sales of power for use within the region; and

b) costs and benefits of the sale of or inability to sell excess electric power allocated under Section 7(g) of the Northwest Power Act will be allocated to the Cost Pools to which the costs of the resources that generate such excess electric power are allocated, consistent with Section 7 of the Northwest Power Act.

9) The tiered rate treatment described in this PRDM will preserve consistency with generally accepted ratemaking principles.

10) The allocation of costs and revenues as described in the PRDM does not prescribe any particular conveyance of environmental and/or other attributes associated with power purchased from BPA.

## Cost Allocation Method and Allocated Tiered Cost

In each 7(i) Process under the PRDM, BPA will allocate Tier 1 Costs among three Tier 1 Cost Pools for determining Tier 1 Rates, and Tier 2 Costs to one or more Tier 2 Cost Pools corresponding to each Tier 2 Rate Alternative. The Tier 1 Cost Pools are the Composite Cost Pool, Slice Cost Pool, and Non-Slice Cost Pool. The allocation of costs to Cost Pools is a ratemaking exercise that is performed in a 7(i) Process according to the directives in Section 7 of the Northwest Power Act.

The Tier 1 Cost Pools will be determined by starting with the Revenue Requirement functionalized to Power and subtracting the portion of that Revenue Requirement recovered from BPA’s other power rates, as directed by BPA’s statutes. The remaining Revenue Requirement will be recovered from the PF Public Cost Pool.

The portion of the PF Public Cost Pool that is allocated to the Tier 2 Cost Pools, as well as any portion of the PF Public Cost Pool allocated to non-CHWM PF Public Customers, will then be subtracted from the PF Public Cost Pool. The remaining portion of the PF Public Cost Pool will be allocated to Tier 1 Cost Pools. The Tier 1 Costs are then sub-allocated to the three Tier 1 Cost Pools—the Composite Cost Pool, the Slice Cost Pool, and the Non-Slice Cost Pool. (See Figure 2-1.)

Figure 2-1.  
Soup-to-Nuts Power Cost Allocation

Timeline

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Consistent with Figure 2-1 above, BPA’s Tier 1 Costs are calculated as:

Where:

*A* = The portion of BPA’s total Revenue Requirement functionalized to Power Services.

*B* = The portion of Power Services’ Revenue Requirement allocated to BPA’s other Cost Pools as directed by BPA’s Statutes.

*C* = The portion of the PF Public Cost Pool identified as Tier 2 Costs.

*D* = The portion of the PF Public Cost Pool allocated to other non-CHWM PF Public Customers.

### Cost Allocation Proof

The mathematical, illustrative, summarizing, and accounting methods used to solve for Tier 1 and Tier 2 Rates in each 7(i) Process may vary. Therefore, to ensure that the PF Public rates are set in accordance with Section 7 of the Northwest Power Act and the Principles in Section 2.1 of this chapter, BPA will conduct a cost allocation proof in every 7(i) Process. The proof will verify that the total costs recovered from all PF Public rates is equal to only the portion of BPA’s total power costs that, in accordance with Section 7 of the Northwest Power Act, are to be recovered from PF Public rates.

#### 2.2.1.1 The Composite Cost Pool

Section A of the Allocated Tiered Cost Table 2-1 sets out the categories of costs that are allocated to the Composite Cost Pool, including all Tier 1 Costs and Tier 1 Credits functionalized by BPA to Power, except for any Tier 1 Costs or Tier 1 Credits that BPA has determined meet the specified criteria for inclusion in either the Slice Cost Pool or the Non-Slice Cost Pool, as set forth in Sections 2.2.1.2 and 2.2.1.3. The administrative costs (primarily staffing costs) of surplus marketing and administering all CHWM Contracts and rates, including potential future contracts that are applicable to the PRDM, will be allocated to the Composite Cost Pool.

#### 2.2.1.2 The Slice Cost Pool

Section B of the Allocated Tiered Cost Table is designed to include the costs that are allocated to the Slice Cost Pool, including all Tier 1 Costs and Tier 1 Credits that are specifically and uniquely attributable to the Slice Product. If, during the term of CHWM Contracts (including potential future contracts that incorporate the PRDM), BPA undertakes actions that are specifically and uniquely attributable to the Slice Product (for example, customer-requested software enhancements specific to the Slice Product), then BPA will allocate the costs of undertaking these actions to the Slice Cost Pool unless BPA and the Slice customers have made separate payment arrangements. Such costs would be treated as New Expenses under the PRDM for allocation purposes. Similarly, if in the future there are New Credits attributable to the Slice Product only, these New Credits would be allocated to the Slice Cost Pool.

#### 2.2.1.3 The Non-Slice Cost Pool

Section C of the Allocated Tiered Cost Table sets out the categories of costs that are allocated to the Non-Slice Cost Pool, including all Tier 1 Costs and Tier 1 Credits that are specifically and uniquely attributable to the Load Following or Block Products. The Non-Slice Cost Pool includes the costs and credits of converting resource output into load service (*e.g.*, Balancing Power Purchases); the costs of Tier 1 risk mitigation not recovered through rates for the Slice Product; and the costs or credits arising from Tier 1 Non-Slice capacity acquisitions (*see* Section 3.5). Except as otherwise provided in Section 2.4, the Non-Slice Cost Pool also includes the Tier 1 Secondary Energy Credit, which includes any costs or credits specifically attributable to BPA’s marketing of Tier 1 Secondary Energy and excludes administrative costs allocated to the Composite Cost Pool.

#### 2.2.1.4 Tier 2 Cost Pools

Section D of the Allocated Tiered Cost Table sets out the costs that are allocated to the Tier 2 Cost Pools. Such costs include all Tier 2 Costs that are attributable to resources and services that BPA forecasts for ratemaking purposes to use for serving load at a Tier 2 Rate. Included in Table 2-1, Section D, are Support Services costs used to set the Tier 2 Rates. BPA will include a uniform adder, the Overhead Cost Adder, in the Tier 2 Cost Pools. BPA will credit the forecast revenue from the Overhead Cost Adder to the Composite Cost Pool. *See* Section 5.2 for a fuller discussion of costs allocated to Tier 2 Cost Pools and Section 5.2.3 for discussion of the Overhead Cost Adder. Any uses of Tier 1 System Resources to serve load at a Tier 2 Rate, as forecast for ratemaking purposes, will be priced in accordance with Chapter 5.

### Allocated Tiered Cost Table

The Allocated Tiered Cost Table 2-1 sets out the cost categories that will be used for allocating costs in each 7(i) Process. Any changes to the Allocated Tiered Cost Table to accommodate New Expenses or New Credits will be made pursuant to Section 2.3. Any changes to the Allocated Tiered Cost Table to accommodate a need to allocate a Tier 2 Cost to a Tier 1 Cost Pool will be pursuant to Section 2.6. All other changes to the Allocated Tiered Cost Table will be pursuant to Chapter 9. The addition of new Tier 2 Cost Pools will not be considered a change to the Allocated Tiered Cost Table for purposes of Chapter 9.

BPA will conform the description or grouping of costs in the Allocated Tiered Cost Table 2‑1 to the grouping of costs in the Power Services Statement of Revenues and Expenses, but changes to line-item descriptions or groupings in the Power Services Statement of Revenues and Expenses will not change the Cost Pools to which the underlying costs are assigned. If modifications to BPA's Power Services Statement of Revenues and Expenses change the categorization of costs, then the manner of maintaining the separation of costs for purposes of the PRDM will be addressed in the next 7(i) Process following the modification. Such modifications will not change the underlying allocation of costs to the respective Cost Pools, which form the basis for setting Tier 1 and Tier 2 Rates.

## Inclusion of New Expenses or New Credits

BPA will allocate New Expenses or New Credits to the Cost Pools based on the cost allocation principles in Section 2.1. BPA will propose an allocation of the New Expenses and New Credits to the appropriate Cost Pools in a 7(i) Process.

## Tier 1 Secondary Energy Credit

The Slice Product includes an advance sale of surplus energy, which is delivered when and if available. Consequently, the Composite Cost Pool and Slice Cost Pool do not contain any cost or credit, except administrative costs, associated with Tier 1 Secondary Energy. When Load Following and Block Products do not receive Tier 1 Secondary Energy as an advance sale of surplus energy, the Non-Slice Cost Pool will be allocated a Tier 1 Secondary Energy Credit. Such Tier 1 Secondary Energy Credit can take the form of a fixed credit based on forecast, a variable credit based on actuals, or a combination of the two. Notwithstanding any other provision in this PRDM, and irrespective of whether BPA allocates Section 7(b)(2) trigger amounts to BPA surplus sales, BPA will seek to ensure comparable treatment with respect to Tier 1 Secondary Energy as between the Slice and Non-Slice Cost Pools.

Tier 1 Secondary Energy Credit associated with the Unused CHWM will be included in the Composite Cost Pool rather than the Non-Slice Cost Pool. BPA may also propose in a 7(i) Process that portions of the Tier 1 Secondary Energy Credit be reallocated to the Composite Cost Pool as supported by Section 2.1, such as when a market, operations, or other decision causes a portion of the advanced sale of secondary energy associated with the Slice Product to otherwise be credited to the Non-Slice Cost Pool or when a condition exists that causes revenue to be allocated to the Non-Slice Cost Pool when a reallocation to the Composite Cost Pool would be more appropriate.

## Interest Earned on the Bonneville Fund

BPA will allocate to the Non-Slice Cost Pool a credit equal to the total anticipated credit earned on Bonneville Fund balances attributed to the Power function.

## BPA Actions Prior to Allocating Tier 2 Cost to a Tier 1 Cost Pool

If, for purposes of ensuring cost recovery, BPA determines that it must reallocate to any Tier 1 Cost Pool costs that would otherwise be allocated to any Tier 2 Cost Pool under the PRDM, to the extent practicable, BPA will reallocate such costs only after taking the following actions:

1) BPA will make reasonable efforts to recover the costs from the party(s) that would otherwise be responsible for such costs. Such efforts may include making demand on any available credit support and pursuing legal action when BPA determines it is appropriate.

2) BPA will make good faith efforts to reduce the costs that are proposed to be reallocated, so as to offset the cost that would otherwise occasion the need for a reallocation to ensure cost recovery.

3) Prior to a BPA proposal in a 7(i) Process to reallocate costs from a Tier 2 Cost Pool to any Tier 1 Cost Pool, BPA will convene a public meeting with customers and interested parties to discuss the proposal and to elicit alternatives to reallocating the costs. If an alternative cost recovery mechanism appears to be viable, BPA would propose such an alternative cost recovery mechanism in the next 7(i) Process.

4) If BPA determines in a 7(i) Process that it must reallocate costs to a Tier 1 Cost Pool that would otherwise be allocated to any Tier 2 Cost Pool, the presumption will be that such costs are to be allocated to the Composite Cost Pool unless it is determined in the 7(i) Process that the costs should be allocated to another Tier 1 Cost Pool based on the allocation principles in Section 2.1.

These actions, or disputes over whether the Administrator has satisfied them, do not override and will not be allowed to frustrate the Administrator’s responsibility to recover costs and timely repay the U.S. Treasury.

## Slice True-Up

Slice customers will have an annual Slice True-Up Charge for costs and credits allocated to the Composite Cost Pool (*see* Table 2, Section A) and to the Slice Cost Pool (*see* Table 2, Section B). The annual Slice True-Up Charge will be calculated for each Fiscal Year as soon as BPA’s audited actual financial data are available (usually in November). Actual expenses during a Fiscal Year to implement a request of and for the benefit of an individual Slice customer will be billed and paid in accordance with the contract governing the implementation of such request.

The Slice True-Up Charge for each customer will be the sum of the Composite Cost Pool True-Up Charge and the Slice Cost Pool True-Up Charge calculated for each Slice customer. BPA will provide Slice customers a preliminary estimate of the Slice True-Up Charge before completion of BPA’s financial audit for each Fiscal Year. BPA will notify Slice customers of their Slice True-Up Charge that is calculated after audited actual financial data are available. The Slice True-Up Charge is included in customer bills in the month (or months) following notification.

The Composite Cost Pool True-Up Charge and the Slice Cost Pool True-Up will be added together if both are negative or both are positive, and will be netted against each other if one adjustment is positive (adjustment is a charge) and the other adjustment is negative (adjustment is a credit). The result of this summing or netting, as applicable, will be the final Slice True-Up Charge.

## Slice True-Up Composite Cost Pool Charge

The Slice True-Up Composite Cost Pool Charge is applicable to the Slice Product. The Slice True-Up Composite Cost Pool Charge can be either positive or negative and is calculated as the Slice True-Up Composite Cost Pool Billing Determinant multiplied by the Slice True-Up Composite Cost Pool Rate.

### Slice True-Up Composite Cost Pool Billing Determinant

For each Slice customer, the annual Slice True-Up Composite Cost Pool Billing Determinant will be calculated as:

Where:

= A Slice customer’s annual Slice True-Up Composite Cost Pool Billing Determinant in kWh applicable to the Slice True-Up Composite Cost Pool Rate in mills/kWh in a Fiscal Year

*Slice%* = A customer’s Slice percentage in that Fiscal Year

*∑CHWM* = sum of all customer CHWMs in that Fiscal Year

*UCHWM* = the actual Unused CHWM for a Fiscal Year as adjusted for actual loads effectively served at Tier 1 rates

### Slice True-Up Composite Cost Pool Rate

The Slice True-Up Composite Cost Pool Rate is calculated by subtracting (i) the forecast annual expenses and revenue credits allocated to the Composite Cost Pool for the applicable Fiscal Years of the Rate Period from (ii) the actual expenses and revenue credits in the applicable Fiscal Year of the Rate Period that are allocable to the Composite Cost Pool. This difference is then divided by the total amount of actual Tier 1 MWhs sold in the same Fiscal Year at Tier 1 rates, as adjusted by the Tier 1 Marginal Energy True-Up, to calculate the mills/kWh Slice True-Up Composite Cost Pool Rate.

Where:

= the Slice True-Up Composite Cost Pool Rate in mills/kWh applicable to a Slice customer’s kWh Composite Cost Pool Slice True-Up Billing Determinant in a Fiscal Year

= the actual expenses and revenue credits in the applicable Fiscal Year of the Rate Period that are allocable to the Composite Cost Pool

= the forecast annual expenses and revenue credits in the applicable Fiscal Year of the Rate Period allocated to the Composite Cost Pool

*∑CHWM* = sum of all customer CHWMs in that Fiscal Year

*UCHWM* = the actual Unused CHWM for a Fiscal Year as adjusted for actual loads effectively served at Tier 1 rates

#### 2.8.2.1 Treatment of Firm Surplus and Secondary Adjustment Line Item

As part of the Slice True-Up Composite Cost Pool Charge, the Firm Surplus and Secondary Adjustment (from Unused CHWM) line item in Table 2-1 will be revised to reflect the actual effective Unused CHWM for each Fiscal Year and the resulting revenue difference between a sale at the posted Slice True-Up Composite Cost Pool Rate and at the 7(i) Process-determined value of Unused CHWM. The dollar amount calculated, which may be positive or negative, will be used to adjust the forecast Firm Surplus and Secondary Adjustment (from Unused CHWM) line item to calculate the actual Firm Surplus and Secondary Adjustment (from Unused CHWM) line item used to calculate the Composite Cost Pool Slice True-Up Rate.

#### 2.8.2.2 Treatment of Other Revenue Credit Line Items

As part of the Composite Cost Pool True-Up, some rate revenue credit line items in Table 2‑1, such as IP and NR revenue line items, may be subject to true-up as determined in each 7(i) Process. When a revenue credit line item is subject to true-up that varies because the actual amount of power sold is different than the forecast amount of power sold, the forecast revenue credit will be adjusted to account for the revenue difference assuming an increased or decreased market power sale—such as a kWh decrease in a NR power sale and an equal kWh increase in a market power sale, or vice versa. The revenue difference calculated, using the formula established in each 7(i) Process, which may be positive or negative, will be used to adjust the forecast revenue credit line items to calculate the actual revenue credit line items used in to calculate the Composite Cost Pool Slice True-Up Rate.

#### 2.8.2.3 Minimum Required Net Revenue Line Items

The actual expenses and revenue credits allocable to the Composite Cost Pool include a component for any amount by which BPA’s actual cash requirements exceed the total actual non-cash expenses in the Composite Cost Pool in a given Fiscal Year. This is called the Minimum Required Net Revenue (MRNR). When BPA's actual cash requirements do not exceed the total actual non-cash expenses in the Composite Cost Pool, MRNR will equal zero. Any revisions to this MRNR treatment will be proposed by BPA in a 7(i) Process.

### Slice True-Up Slice Cost Pool Charge

The annual Slice True-Up Slice Cost Pool Charge for the Slice Cost Pool will be calculated by 1) subtracting (i) the forecast annual expenses and revenue credits allocated to the Slice Cost Pool for the applicable Fiscal Years of the Rate Period from (ii) the actual expenses and revenue credits that are allocable to the Slice Cost Pool in the applicable Fiscal Year of the Rate Period and 2) multiplying the difference from step 1 above by each customer’s Slice Percentage pursuant to Exhibit K (or its replacement) of the Slice Contract divided by the sum of all Slice Percentages for that Fiscal Year pursuant to Exhibit K (or its replacement) of the Slice Contract. The dollar amount calculated, which may be positive or negative, constitutes the Slice True-Up Slice Cost Pool Charge for the Slice Cost Pool.

### Treatment of New Costs and New Credits, and Costs and Revenues Not Subject to Slice True-Up

In the annual Slice True-Up Charge, BPA may make an interim allocation of New Expenses or New Credits for which categories do not exist on Table 2-1. If BPA makes such an interim allocation among the Cost Pools, it will do so based on the PRDM cost allocation principles (*see* Section 2.1). BPA will make a final decision on the allocation of New Expenses or New Credits among the Cost Pools in the next scheduled power rate 7(i) Process. If the cost allocation finally adopted in the 7(i) Process is different from the interim allocation implemented by BPA through the Slice True-Up Charge, the Slice customers will be compensated or charged based on their over-payment or under-payment, in either case with interest (at the rate specified in the Slice customer’s CHWM Contract) from the first calendar day of the Fiscal Year in which the Slice True-Up Charge containing the interim allocation was calculated to the due date of the bills containing payment(s) or credit(s) related to the final allocation.

For forecast expenses or revenue credits allocated to either the Composite Cost Pool or the Slice Cost Pool that are not subject to the Slice True-Up Charge, for purposes of all Slice True-Up Charge calculations the actual expenses and revenue credits allocable to such Cost Pools for each Fiscal Year will be deemed to be equal to the forecast of such expenses or revenue credits in the applicable 7(i) Process. The expenses and revenue credits that are not subject to true-up to actual expenses and revenue credits in the Slice True-Up Charge will be determined in each 7(i) Process.

### Slice True-Up Charge Settlement

The final Slice True-Up Charge for each customer will be applied either as a one-month credit (if the adjustment is negative) or as a three-month charge (if the adjustment is positive) spread equally across the three months following the month the final Slice True-Up Charge is determined by BPA. Slice customers have the option to pay the entire charge in one month.

Interest will be computed and added to the Slice True-Up Charge for each Slice customer at the rate and for the period specified in the Slice customer’s CHWM Contract.

Any adjustments to the billed Slice True-Up Charge will be determined by BPA upon the later to occur of 1) BPA’s issuance of its written final resolutions of Slice True-Up Charge issues at conclusion of the Cost Verification Process or 2) BPA’s issuance of a written decision by the Administrator that affirms or rejects (in whole or in part) the recommendation of the third-party expert, all as set forth in Appendix B.

### Cost Verification Process for the Slice True-Up Charge

BPA will conduct a Cost Verification Process that will permit Slice customers and other customers to assess whether BPA has correctly calculated the amount of each expense or revenue credit subject to the Slice True-Up Charge, and whether the final Slice True-Up Charge contains only those expenses and revenue credits permitted to be included in—and does not contain any expenses or revenue credits excluded from—the Slice Rate pursuant to the PRDM. The Cost Verification Process will not enable customers to question or dispute BPA’s accounting policies and standards, management decisions, or other policies. The Cost Verification Process for the Slice True-Up Charge will be conducted in accordance with Appendix B to this PRDM.

## Cost Review Public Process

BPA will conduct, outside the PRDM, a Cost Review Public Process. This public process will include periodic meetings to allow customers and interested parties to review and obtain information from BPA, such as BPA’s financial performance, comparison of BPA’s actual costs to its forecast costs, and assignment of costs among cost categories and Cost Pools. For any issues raised in this Cost Review Public Process, BPA will determine if resolution is needed in a 7(i) Process.

Table 2-1. ALLOCATED TIERED COSTS

*(Blackened row indicates that item is wholly assigned to another Cost Pool.)*

1. **Composite Cost Pool**

|  | **A** | **B** | **C** | **D** | **E** | **F** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | COSTS AND RATE ADJUSTMENTS | Year 1 Forecast | Actual Data | Year 2 Forecast | Actual Data | Total Rate Period |
| 1 | **COMPOSITE COST** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | **Operating Expenses** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | **Power System Generation Resources** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | **Operating Generation** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION (WNP-2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6 | BUREAU OF RECLAMATION |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7 | CORPS OF ENGINEERS |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8 | CRFM STUDIES |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9 | LONG-TERM CONTRACT GENERATING PROJECTS |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 | **Sub-Total** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11 | **Operating Generation Settlement Payment and Other Payments** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12 | COLVILLE GENERATION SETTLEMENT |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13 | SPOKANE LEGISLATION PAYMENT |  |  |  |  |  |
| 14 | **Sub-Total** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15 | **Non-Operating Generation** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 16 | TROJAN DECOMMISSIONING |  |  |  |  |  |
| 17 | WNP-1&3 DECOMMISSIONING |  |  |  |  |  |
| 18 | **Sub-Total** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 19 | **Gross Contracted Power Purchases** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 20 | PNCA HEADWATER BENEFITS |  |  |  |  |  |
| 21 | OTHER POWER PURCHASES (Designated Obligations or Purchases) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 22 | HEDGING/MITIGATION (NON-SLICE COST) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 23 | OTHER POWER PURCHASES (NON-SLICE COST) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 24 | **Sub-Total** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 25 | **Bookout Adjustment to Power Purchases (omit)** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 26 | **Augmentation Power Purchases (omit - calculated below)** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 27 | AUGMENTATION POWER PURCHASES |  |  |  |  |  |
| 28 | **Sub-Total** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 29 | **Exchanges and Settlements** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 30 | RESIDENTIAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM (REP) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 31 | OTHER SETTLEMENTS |  |  |  |  |  |
| 32 | **Sub-Total** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 33 | **Renewable Generation** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 34 | RENEWABLES (excludes KIII) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 35 | **Sub-Total** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 36 | **Generation Conservation** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 37 | CONSERVATION ACQUISITION |  |  |  |  |  |
| 38 | CONSERVATION INFRASCTRUCTURE |  |  |  |  |  |
| 39 | LOW INCOME WEATHERIZATION & TRIBAL |  |  |  |  |  |
| 40 | ENERGY EFFICIENCY DEVELOPMENT |  |  |  |  |  |
| 41 | DISTRIBUTED ENERGY RESOURCES |  |  |  |  |  |
| 42 | LEGACY |  |  |  |  |  |
| 43 | MARKET TRANSFORMATION |  |  |  |  |  |
| 44 | **Sub-Total** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 45 | **Power System Generation Sub-Total** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 46 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 47 | **Power Non-Generation Operations** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 48 | **Power Services System Operations** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 49 | EFFICIENCIES PROGRAM |  |  |  |  |  |
| 50 | INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY |  |  |  |  |  |
| 51 | GENERATION PROJECT COORDINATION |  |  |  |  |  |
| 52 | ASSET MGMT ENTERPRISE SVCS |  |  |  |  |  |
| 53 | SLICE IMPLEMENTATION (SLICE COST) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 54 | **Sub-Total** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 55 | **Power Services Scheduling** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 56 | OPERATIONS SCHEDULING |  |  |  |  |  |
| 57 | OPERATIONS PLANNING |  |  |  |  |  |
| 58 | **Sub-Total** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 59 | **Power Services Marketing and Business Support** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 60 | GRID MOD |  |  |  |  |  |
| 61 | EIM INTERNAL SUPPORT |  |  |  |  |  |
| 62 | POWER INTERNAL SUPPORT |  |  |  |  |  |
| 63 | COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE SVCS |  |  |  |  |  |
| 64 | OPERATIONS ENTERPRISE SVCS |  |  |  |  |  |
| 65 | POWER R&D |  |  |  |  |  |
| 66 | SALES & SUPPORT |  |  |  |  |  |
| 67 | STRATEGY, FINANCE & RISK MGMT (REP support costs included here) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 68 | EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES (REP support costs included here) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 69 | CONSERVATION SUPPORT |  |  |  |  |  |
| 70 | **Sub-Total** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 71 | **Power Non-Generation Operations Sub-Total** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 72 | **Power Services Transmission Acquisition and Ancillary Services** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 73 | TRANSMISSION and ANCILLARY Services - System Obligations |  |  |  |  |  |
| 74 | 3RD PARTY GTA WHEELING |  |  |  |  |  |
| 75 | POWER 3RD PARTY TRANS & ANCILLARY SVCS (Composite Cost) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 76 | POWER 3RD PARTY TRANS & ANCILLARY SVCS (Non-Slice Cost) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 77 | TRANS ACQ GENERATION INTEGRATION |  |  |  |  |  |
| 78 | EESC CHARGES (Composite) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 79 | TELEMETERING/EQUIP REPLACEMT |  |  |  |  |  |
| 80 | **Power Services Trans Acquisition and Ancillary Serv Sub-Total** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 81 | **Fish and Wildlife/USF&W/Planning Council/Environmental Req** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 82 | **Fish & Wildlife** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 83 | **USF&W Lower Snake Hatcheries** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 84 | **Planning Council** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 85 | **Fish & Wildlife RDC Funds** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 86 | **Lower Snake Hatcheries RDC Funds** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 87 | **Fish and Wildlife/USF&W/Planning Council Sub-Total** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 88 | **BPA Internal Support** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 89 | **Additional Post-Retirement Contribution** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 90 | **Agency Services G&A (excludes direct project support)** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 91 | **BPA Internal Support Sub-Total** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 92 | **Bad Debt Expense (Composite Cost)** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 93 | **Bad Debt Expense (Non-Slice Cost)** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 94 | **Other Income, Expenses, Adjustments** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 95 | **Depreciation (Composite Cost)** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 96 | **Depreciation (Non-Slice Cost)** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 97 | **Amortization** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 98 | **Accretion (CGS)** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 99 | **Total Operating Expenses** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 100 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 101 | **Other Expenses and (Income)** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 102 | Net Interest Expense |  |  |  |  |  |
| 103 | LDD |  |  |  |  |  |
| 104 | Irrigation Rate Discount Costs |  |  |  |  |  |
| 105 | Revenues, PRDM Rate Impact Credit, Mitigation (RIC-M) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 106 | Costs, PRDM Rate Impact Credit, Mitigation (RIC-M) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 107 | FPS (Surplus)/Shortfall |  |  |  |  |  |
| 108 | 7(c)(2) Delta Allocation |  |  |  |  |  |
| 109 | 7(b)(2) / 7(b)(3) Protection Amount |  |  |  |  |  |
| 110 | 7(b)(2) Industrial Adjustment |  |  |  |  |  |
| 111 | **Sub-Total** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 112 | **Total Expenses** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 113 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 114 | **Revenue Credits** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 115 | Generation Inputs for Ancillary, Control Area, and Other Services Revenues |  |  |  |  |  |
| 116 | Downstream Benefits and Pumping Power revenues |  |  |  |  |  |
| 117 | 4(h)(10)(c) credit |  |  |  |  |  |
| 118 | PRSC Net Credit (Composite) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 119 | Colville and Spokane Settlements |  |  |  |  |  |
| 120 | Energy Efficiency Revenues |  |  |  |  |  |
| 121 | PF Load Forecast Deviation Liquidated Damages |  |  |  |  |  |
| 122 | Miscellaneous revenues |  |  |  |  |  |
| 123 | Renewable Energy Certificates |  |  |  |  |  |
| 124 | Net Revenues from other Designated BPA System Obligations (Upper Baker) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 125 | RSS Revenues |  |  |  |  |  |
| 126 | Firm Surplus and Secondary Adjustment (from Unused RHWM) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 127 | Balancing Augmentation Adjustment |  |  |  |  |  |
| 128 | Transmission Loss Adjustment |  |  |  |  |  |
| 129 | Tier 2 Rate Adjustment |  |  |  |  |  |
| 130 | NR Revenues |  |  |  |  |  |
| 131 | **Total Revenue Credits** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 132 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 133 | **Augmentation Costs** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 134 | Tier 1 Augmentation Resources (includes Augmentation RSS and Augmentation RSC adders) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 135 | Augmentation Purchases |  |  |  |  |  |
| 136 | **Total Augmentation Costs** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 137 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 138 | **DSI Revenue Credit** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 139 | Revenues 12 aMW @ IP rate |  |  |  |  |  |
| 140 | **Total DSI revenues** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 141 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 142 | **Minimum Required Net Revenue Calculation** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 143 | Principal Payment of Fed Debt for Power |  |  |  |  |  |
| 144 | Repayment of Non-Federal Obligations (EN Line of Credit) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 145 | Repayment of Non-Federal Obligations (CGS, WNP1, WNP3, N. Wasco, Cowlitz Falls) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 146 | Irrigation assistance |  |  |  |  |  |
| 147 | **Sub-Total** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 148 | Depreciation |  |  |  |  |  |
| 149 | Amortization |  |  |  |  |  |
| 150 | Accretion |  |  |  |  |  |
| 151 | Capitalization Adjustment |  |  |  |  |  |
| 152 | Amortization of Refinancing Premiums/Discounts (MRNR - Reverse Sign) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 153 | Amortization of Cost of Issuance (MRNR-reverse sign) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 154 | Cash freed up by DSR refinancing |  |  |  |  |  |
| 155 | Gains/Losses on Extinguishment |  |  |  |  |  |
| 156 | Non-Cash Expenses |  |  |  |  |  |
| 157 | Prepay Revenue Credits |  |  |  |  |  |
| 158 | Non-Federal Interest (Prepay) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 159 | Contribution to decommissioning trust fund |  |  |  |  |  |
| 160 | Gains/losses on decommissioning trust fund |  |  |  |  |  |
| 161 | Interest earned on decommissioning trust fund |  |  |  |  |  |
| 162 | Revenue Financing Requirement |  |  |  |  |  |
| 163 | Capital Financing (RCD) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 164 | Other Adjustments |  |  |  |  |  |
| 165 | Payments for Litigation Stay Agreements |  |  |  |  |  |
| 166 | **Sub-Total** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 167 | Principal Payment of Fed Debt plus Irrigation assistance exceeds non-cash expenses |  |  |  |  |  |
| 168 | Minimum Required Net Revenues |  |  |  |  |  |
| 169 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 170 | **Total Composite Cost** |  |  |  |  |  |

1. **Slice Cost Pool**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **A** | **B** | **C** | **D** | **E** | **F** |
|  | COSTS AND RATE ADJUSTMENTS | Year 1 Forecast | Actual Data | Year 2 Forecast | Actual Data | Total Rate Period |
| 1 | **SLICE COST** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | Slice Implementation Expenses |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | Total Slice Cost |  |  |  |  |  |

1. **Non-Slice Cost Pool**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **A** | **B** | **C** | **D** | **E** | **F** |
|  | COSTS AND RATE ADJUSTMENTS | Year 1 Forecast | Actual Data | Year 2 Forecast | Actual Data | Total Rate Period |
| 1 | **NON-SLICE COST** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | Other Power Purchases (Balancing) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | Other Power Purchases (Capacity) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | Hedging/Mitigation |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | Transmission & Ancillary Services (Non-Slice Cost) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6 | Third Party Trans & Ancillary Services |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7 | Bad Debt Expense (Non-Slice Cost) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8 | Depreciation (Non-Slice Cost) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9 | Interest Earned on BPA Fund for Power |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 | Planned Net Revenues for Risk |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11 | Accrual revenues (MRNR adjustment, if applicable) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12 | PRDM Rate Impact Credit, Capacity (RIC-C) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13 | PRDM Rate Impact Credit, Joint Operating Entity (RIC-J) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 14 | Less Revenue Credits: |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15 | Tier 1 Secondary Revenue Credit (less Secondary associated with Unused RHWM) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 16 | Demand Revenue |  |  |  |  |  |
| 17 | Peak Load Variance Revenue |  |  |  |  |  |
| 18 | Marginal Energy True-Up Net Revenue |  |  |  |  |  |
| 19 | Total Non-Slice Cost |  |  |  |  |  |

1. **Tier 2 Cost Pool**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **A** | **B** | **C** | **D** | **E** | **F** |
|  | COSTS AND RATE ADJUSTMENTS | Year 1 Forecast | Actual Data | Year 2 Forecast | Actual Data | Total Rate Period |
| 1 | **Tier 2 Cost (calculated for each T2 Rate)** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | Acquisition Costs |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | BPA Overhead Costs |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | Support Services Adder |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | Tier 2 Change Fee, Tier 2 Change Charge (Tier 2 Long-Term) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6 | Other costs, including risk-related, if appropriate |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7 | Total Tier 2 Cost |  |  |  |  |  |

# RESOURCES AND AUGMENTATION

This chapter describes how BPA will identify the resources whose costs will be recovered through Tier 1 rates as established in each 7(i) Process. This chapter also identifies types of augmentation, and the cost allocation and rate treatment applicable to each type of augmentation. Lastly, this chapter specifies how BPA will track various types of resource acquisitions.

## Tier 1 System Resources

In each 7(i) Process, BPA will update the list of resources that are considered Tier 1 System Resources for setting the Tier 1 rates and establishing the amount of firm power provided through the Slice Product. Tier 1 System Resources are the resources listed in Table 3-1, Tier 1 System Resources, as updated for any new resources, including market purchases, that BPA determines are needed to meet its CHWM obligations. The firm power of the Tier 1 System Resources will be determined in each 7(i) Process and is defined as the Tier 1 Firm System Output.

The resources listed in Table 3-1 will not be removed, and the Portion of Resource will not be decreased, for the duration of this PRDM. If there is a cessation of firm power from any such resource, the firm power output from the resource will be set to zero as determined in the 7(i) Process. The firm power from a given Tier 1 System Resource may change over time as determined in each 7(i) Process. The output for each resource and Portion of Resource listed in Table 3-1 so determined will be included in the Tier 1 Firm System Output used to determine whether any new resources, including market purchases, must be added to Table 3-1 for BPA to meet its CHWM obligations. BPA will only add new resources, including market purchases, to the resources listed in Table 3‑1 to the extent BPA determines that it is necessary to meet BPA’s CHWM obligations after accounting for the Tier 1 Firm System Output of the then existing Tier 1 System Resources and BPA’s Designated System Obligations. Unlike Tier 1 System Resources, resources listed in Tables 3-3, 3-4, and 3-5 will include a purpose and that purpose can be changed as determined in a 7(i) Process.

## System Obligations

### Designated System Obligations

Designated System Obligations, as listed in Table 3-2, Designated System Obligations, are BPA obligations that: 1) are directly assigned to, or from, the generation output or capability of the Tier 1 System Resources, or 2) are incurred because of contracts, operational obligations, memorandums of agreement, treaties, statutes, regulations, court orders, or executive orders, as individual obligations or in combination, that create a firm obligation for the Tier 1 System Resources. Designated System Obligations also include the portion (if any) of the Tier 1 System Resources that BPA uses to source generation inputs for BPA’s ancillary and control area service obligations, transmission losses, capacity for the Western Resource Adequacy Program (WRAP) (or its successor), Support Services, or other reserve obligations. These obligations are considered firm obligations of the system regardless of weather, water, or economic conditions. These obligations may involve energy, capacity, or a combination of the two.

Designated System Obligations can vary from year to year and change over time. Any costs related to, or revenues recovered from, Designated System Obligations will be allocated to the Composite Cost Pool.

Designated System Obligations may continue where a successor contract replaces an expiring listed contract. The Designated System Obligations listed on Table 3-2 will not be removed for the duration of this PRDM. If there is a cessation of any such Designated System Obligation, the obligation amount will be set to zero when the obligation expires. Table 3-2 may be updated to include new Designated System Obligations.

### New Designated System Obligations

Customers with CHWM Contracts should have as much certainty as reasonably possible about Designated System Obligations. Accordingly, BPA will, if practicable, hold a public process before adopting a new Designated System Obligation. Where holding such a process is not practicable before adopting a new Designated System Obligation, BPA will hold such process before a new Designated System Obligation is added to Table 3-2 and will document any change in the next applicable 7(i) Process.

### Large Designated System Obligation Increases

If BPA forecasts a 10 percent or greater increase in total Designated System Obligations over the most recently published forecast of Designated System Obligations, then BPA shall notify all customers with CHWM Contracts of such change as soon as practical. Upon written request of not less than 25 percent of the customers with CHWM Contracts (by number), BPA will hold a public process on the matter.

In such a public process, BPA will hold at least one open meeting to: 1) in the case of new Designated System obligations, review the need and the forecast amount of such obligation; and 2) in the case of existing Designated System Obligations, review BPA’s forecast of the obligation amounts. BPA will consider written comments submitted in connection with such meeting(s). BPA will respond to reasonable requests to provide information that is non-confidential and is reasonably related to BPA’s determination of new and existing Designated System Obligations and the forecast obligation amounts. Issues related to cost allocation, rate impacts, or rate treatment of changes to Designated System Obligations will not be addressed in such process, but rather in the appropriate 7(i) Process.

## Augmentation

There are two types of augmentation used for purposes of this PRDM: CHWM Modeled Augmentation and Rate Period Augmentation.

### CHWM Modeled Augmentation

CHWM Modeled Augmentation is a PRDM construct used to establish the CHWM System, the simulated Slice capability, and to equitably allocate costs between Slice and Non-Slice rates. CHWM Modeled Augmentation is not a forecast of physical resources needed for load-resource balance. CHWM Modeled Augmentation is greater than zero when the sum of customer annual CHWMs and the Designated System Obligations is greater than the Tier 1 Firm System Output.

where:

= annual sum of CHWMs for all customers

*DSO* = Designated System Obligations

*T1FSO* = Tier 1 Firm System Output

CHWM Modeled Augmentation is an annual average modeled amount of power needed to meet the sum of customer CHWMs and the Designated System Obligations with the Tier 1 System Resources. Any Unused CHWM will be used to offset the CHWM Modeled Augmentation. That is, CHWM Modeled Augmentation offset by Unused CHWM will reduce the Unused CHWM amount debited from the Non-Slice Cost Pool and credited to the Composite Cost Pool. CHWM Augmentation will be included as an annual flat block of power for calculating the simulated Slice capability and the portion of a customer’s Net Requirement met with the Slice Product.

### Rate Period Augmentation

Rate Period Augmentation is the forecast annual average amount of power needed to be in load and resource balance after considering all of BPA’s resources (*see* Tables 3-1, 3-3, 3-4, and 3-5) and obligations (*e.g.*, Designated System Obligations, power needed to serve loads under Section 5 of the Northwest Power Act). The cost of Rate Period Augmentation will be based on the expected cost of a flat annual block of power determined in each 7(i) Process for the applicable Fiscal Year and allocated to the Composite Cost Pool. The forecast costs of augmentation may be subject to the Slice True-Up as determined in each 7(i) Process.

## Balancing Power Purchases

In each 7(i) Process, BPA will forecast its Balancing Power Purchase costs. Balancing Power Purchases are distinct from Rate Period Augmentation in that they are power purchases or resource acquisitions forecast by BPA in a 7(i) Process to be made by BPA for periods within a year during which BPA’s resource capability is insufficient to meet BPA’s obligations for that period. Such Balancing Power Purchases will not be included when calculating Rate Period Augmentation. BPA’s Balancing Power Purchase costs may include procured contract purchases as well as a forecast of future procurements. The cost of BPA’s Balancing Power Purchases will be allocated to the Non-Slice Cost Pool. The Composite Cost Pool may include a debit with an equal and opposite credit to the Non-Slice Cost Pool to account for any Balancing Power Purchase costs associated with rates other than Tier 1 Non-Slice rates. For example, such a Composite to Non-Slice Cost Pool adjustment would be needed if NR-rate-related Balancing Power Purchase costs are being allocated to the Non-Slice Cost Pool when NR rate revenue is allocated to the Composite Cost Pool. Any such adjustment would be established through the 7(i) Process.

## Tier 1 Non-Slice Capacity Acquisitions

BPA may make capacity resource acquisitions for meeting its Tier 1 Non-Slice load obligations. To the extent BPA makes these type of resource acquisitions, it will list these resources in Table 3-3 as updated each 7(i) Process. The cost of Tier 1 Non-Slice Capacity Acquisitions will be allocated to the Non-Slice Cost Pool.

## Tier 2 Acquisitions

BPA may make resource acquisitions (energy, capacity or a combination of both) for purposes of meeting its Tier 2 Load obligations. To the extent BPA makes these type of resource acquisitions, it will list these Tier 2 Acquisitions in Table 3-4 with a note regarding the resource’s originally purchased purpose, *e.g.,* to serve loads under a specific Tier 2 Rate Alternative. Table 3-4 will be updated each 7(i) Process. The cost of Tier 2 Acquisitions will be allocated to the applicable Tier 2 Cost Pool.

## All Other Resource Acquisitions

BPA may make resource acquisitions (energy, capacity or a combination of both) for purposes other than to meet its PF load obligations served at Tier 1 and Tier 2 rates. All Other Resource Acquisitions will be listed in Table 3-5 with a note regarding the resource’s originally purchased purpose, *e.g.,* to serve loads at NR rates. To the extent a resource is originally intended to be used for multiple purposes, the resources will be listed multiple times with each specific purpose and portion included. This may result in the same resource being listed in Tables 3-1, 3-3, and 3-4, and multiple times in Table 3-5. Consistent with the statutory functionalization and allocations depicted in Figure 2-1, any costs related to All Other Resource Acquisitions and revenues recovered as a result of making All Other Resource Acquisitions, will be allocated to the Composite Cost Pool.

Table 3-1. TIER 1 SYSTEM RESOURCES

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1 | **Regulated Hydro Projects** | **Expiration** | **Portion of Resource** | **Resource Type** |
| 2 | Albeni Falls | n/a | 100% | Hydro |
| 3 | Bonneville | n/a | “ | “ |
| 4 | Chief Joseph | n/a | “ | “ |
| 5 | Dworshak | n/a | “ | “ |
| 6 | Grand Coulee | n/a | “ | “ |
| 7 | Hungry Horse | n/a | “ | “ |
| 8 | Ice Harbor | n/a | “ | “ |
| 9 | John Day | n/a | “ | “ |
| 10 | Libby | n/a | “ | “ |
| 11 | Little Goose | n/a | “ | “ |
| 12 | Lower Granite | n/a | “ | “ |
| 13 | Lower Monumental | n/a | “ | “ |
| 14 | McNary | n/a | “ | “ |
| 15 | The Dalles | n/a | “ | “ |
| 16 | **Independent Hydro Projects** | **Expiration** |  |  |
| 17 | Anderson Ranch | n/a | 100% | Hydro |
| 18 | Big Cliff | n/a | “ | “ |
| 19 | Black Canyon | n/a | “ | “ |
| 20 | Boise River Diversion | n/a | “ | “ |
| 21 | Chandler | n/a | “ | “ |
| 22 | Cougar | n/a | “ | “ |
| 23 | Cowlitz Falls | 6/30/2032 | “ | “ |
| 24 | Detroit | n/a | “ | “ |
| 25 | Dexter | n/a | “ | “ |
| 26 | Foster | n/a | “ | “ |
| 27 | Green Peter | n/a | “ | “ |
| 28 | Green Springs – USBR | n/a | “ | “ |
| 29 | Hills Creek | n/a | “ | “ |
| 31 | Lookout Point | n/a | “ | “ |
| 32 | Lost Creek | n/a | “ | “ |
| 33 | Minidoka | n/a | “ | “ |
| 34 | Palisades | n/a | “ | “ |
| 35 | Roza | n/a | “ | “ |
| 36 | **Other Projects** | **Expiration** |  | **“** |
| 37 | Columbia Generating Station | n/a | 100% | Nuclear |
| 38 | Dworshak/Clearwater Small Hydropower | n/a | “ | Hydro |
| 39 | Fourmile Hill Geothermal | (year to year) | “ | Geothermal |
| 41 | **Contract Purchases** | **Expiration** |  |  |
| 42 | Priest Rapids CER for Canada | Treaty Entitlement Return | 100% | Hydro |
| 43 | Rock Island #1 CER for Canada | Treaty Entitlement Return | “ | Hydro |
| 44 | Rock Island #2 CER for Canada | Treaty Entitlement Return | “ | Hydro |
| 45 | Rock Reach CER for Canada | Treaty Entitlement Return | “ | Hydro |
| 46 | Wanapum CER for Canada | Treaty Entitlement Return | “ | Hydro |

Table 3-2. DESIGNATED SYSTEM OBLIGATIONS

| **1** | **Obligation** | **Contract Number** | **Expiration Date** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 2 | BPA to BRCJ | 14-03-49151 | 8/23/2024 |
| 3 | BPA to BRCJ | 14-03-17506 | 12/31/2023 |
| 4 | BPA to BRCR | 14-03-73152 | Mutually agreed |
| 5 | BPA to BREG | 14-03-49151 | 8/23/2024 |
| 6 | BPA to BRGC | 14-03-001-12160 | 6/30/2017 |
| 7 | BPA to BROP | 14-03-79239 | Mutually agreed |
| 8 | BPA to BRSI | 14-03-49151 | 8/23/2024 |
| 9 | BPA to BRSID | 14-03-99106 | Mutually agreed |
| 10 | BPA to BRSV | 14-03-63656 | Mutually agreed |
| 11 | BPA to BRTD | 14-03-32210 | Mutually agreed |
| 12 | BPA to BRTV | 14-03-49151 | 8/23/2024 |
| 13 | BPA to BRYK | 00PB-12132 | 9/30/2011 (year to year) |
| 14 | BPA to BCHA Canadian Entitlement | 99EO-40003 | 9/15/2024 (contract expected to be replaced) |
| 15 | BPA to SPP Harney Wells | 88BP-92436 | 2/25/2018  (contract expected to be replaced) |
| 16 | Federal System Intertie Transmission Losses | n/a | (year to year) |
| 17 | WRAP Capacity | n/a | Ongoing |
| 18 | Non-Power Uses Agreement | n/a | (year to year) |
| 19 | Summer Storage Agreement | n/a | (year to year) |
| 20 | Arrow Local | n/a | (year to year) |
| 21 | Upper Baker | 05PB-11542 | (year to year) |
| 22 | AOP’s/Entity Agreements | n/a | (year to year) |
| 23 | DOP’s/Entity Agreements | n/a | (year to year) |
| 24 | Power/Transmission Services MOA for generation inputs for ancillary, control, and other services | 07PB-11856 | 9/30/2009 (contract expected to be replaced) |
| 25 | Federal system transmission losses for power deliveries | n/a | (year to year) |
| 26 | Interchange | n/a | (year to year) |
| 27 | Loop flow support | n/a | (year to year) |
| 28 | Voltage support (VAR) | n/a | (year to year) |
| 29 | Project use loads not included in USBR | n/a | (year to year) |
| 30 | Support Services | n/a | (year to year) |
| 31 | Other reserve obligation | n/a | (year to year) |

Table 3-3. TIER 1 NON-SLICE CAPACITY ACQUISITIONS

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1 | **Resource** | **Contract #** | **Expiration** | **Portion of Resource** | **Resource Type** |
| 2 | To be determined |  | n/a | 100% |  |
| 3 |  |  | n/a |  |  |
| 4 |  |  | n/a |  |  |

Table 3-4. TIER 2 ACQUISITIONS

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1 | **Resource** | **Contract #** | **Expiration** | **Purpose** | **Portion of Resource** | **Resource Type** |
| 2 | To be determined |  | n/a |  | 100% |  |
| 3 |  |  | n/a |  |  |  |
| 4 |  |  | n/a |  |  |  |

Table 3-5. ALL OTHER RESOURCE ACQUISITIONS

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1 | **Resource** | **Contract #** | **Expiration** | **Purpose** | **Portion of Resource** | **Resource Type** |
| 2 | To be determined |  | n/a |  | 100% |  |
| 3 |  |  | n/a |  |  |  |
| 4 |  |  | n/a |  |  |  |

# TIER 1 RATE DESIGN

The Tier 1 Rate design described in this chapter consists of four Core Rate Design charges: Tier 1 Energy Charges, Tier 1 Marginal Energy True-Up, Tier 1 Demand Charges, and Tier 1 Peak Load Variance Charges.

The Tier 1 Rate design also includes three Core Rate Design Rate Impact Credits: the RICc, the RICm, and the RICj. The RICc ensures customer’s forecast BP-29 Rate Period capacity needs are charged the embedded cost of capacity. The RICm gradually transitions customers’ effective rate changes under the Tiered Rate Methodology (TRM) to the PRDM. The RICj mitigates changes to Tier 1 Demand Charges particular to a JOE that took power under the TRM.

## Tier 1 Energy Charges

The Tier 1 Energy Charges are calculated by multiplying Tier 1 energy rates (mills/kWh) by the quantity of Tier 1 energy (kWh) associated with the applicable PF product. The number of Tier 1 energy rates, and thereby Tier 1 Energy Charges, applicable during a Rate Period will be determined in each 7(i) Process; the PRDM does not dictate that a particular number of Tier 1 Energy Charges be implemented.

The Tier 1 Energy Charges will recover costs and credits allocated to the Composite, Non-Slice, and Slice Cost Pools. The Tier 1 Energy Charges that recover costs allocated to the Composite Cost Pool apply to the Slice, Load Following, and Block Products. The Tier 1 Energy Charges that recover costs and credits allocated to the Non-Slice Cost Pool apply to Load Following and Block Products. The Tier 1 Energy Charges that recover costs and credits allocated to the Slice Cost Pool apply to the Slice Product.

### Tier 1 Energy Charge Billing Determinants

The quantity of Tier 1 energy that forms the basis for the Tier 1 Energy Charge Billing Determinant is defined as follows:

* A customer’s Tier 1 Actual Hourly Load will be used to calculate the Tier 1 Energy Charge Billing Determinants applicable to Load Following and Block products—including the portion of Block that is purchased with the Slice Product.
* A customer’s Firm Slice Amount will be used to calculate the Tier 1 Energy Charge Billing Determinants applicable to the Slice Product.

### Tier 1 Composite Energy Rates

BPA will establish Tier 1 Composite Energy Rates in each 7(i) Process. Tier 1 Composite Energy Rates are applicable to the Load Following, Block and Slice Products (mills/kWh). The Tier 1 Composite Energy Rates will be calculated to recover costs and credits allocated to the Composite Cost Pool and will be shaped across the year, using a fixed scalar (mills/kWh) and expected market-based prices as determined in each 7(i) Process. The Tier 1 Composite Energy Rates can be positive or negative values.

BPA will use a Monthly/Diurnal market-based price to shape its energy rates (*i.e.,* one HLH and one LLH for each of the 12 months for a total of 24 market-based prices each year) unless BPA develops a different market-based price approach in a 7(i) Process (for example, more or less granular).

Prior to shaping, the annual average equivalent of the Tier 1 Composite Energy Rate is equal to:

where:

= the annual average equivalent of the Tier 1 Composite Energy Rates, expressed in mills/kWh, before being shaped, using a fixed scalar, to the market-based price as established in each 7(i) Process

= the forecast total annual expenses and revenue credits in the applicable Fiscal Year of the Rate Period allocated to the Composite Cost Pool

= sum of forecast Tier 1 Energy Billing Determinants for Load Following, Block, and Slice Products in kWh

### Tier 1 Non-Slice Energy Rate

BPA will establish a Tier 1 Non-Slice Energy Rate in each 7(i) Process. The Tier 1 Non-Slice Energy Rate is a rate applicable to the Load Following and Block Products (mills/kWh). The Tier 1 Non-Slice Energy Rate will be calculated to recover costs and credits allocated to the Non-Slice Cost Pool and will be a single annual rate. The Tier 1 Non-Slice Energy Rate can be a positive or negative value.

where:

*T1NonSliceEnergyRate* = Tier 1 Non-Slice Energy Rate expressed in mills/kWh

= the forecast total annual expenses and revenue credits in the applicable Fiscal Year of the Rate Period allocated to the Non-Slice Cost Pool

= sum of forecast Tier 1 Energy Billing Determinants for Load Following and Block Products in kWh

### Tier 1 Slice Energy Rate

BPA will establish a Tier 1 Slice Energy Rate in each 7(i) Process. The Tier 1 Slice Energy Rate is applicable to the Slice Product (mills/kWh). The Tier 1 Slice Energy Rate will be calculated to recover costs and credits allocated to the Slice Cost Pool and will be a single rate annual rate. The Tier 1 Slice Energy Rate can be a positive or negative value.

where:

= Tier 1 Slice Energy Rate expressed in mills/kWh

= the forecast total annual expenses and revenue credits in the applicable Fiscal Year of the Rate Period allocated to the Slice Cost Pool

= sum of forecast Tier 1 Energy Billing Determinants for the Slice Product in kWh

## Tier 1 Marginal Energy True-Up Charge

At the end of each Fiscal Year, BPA will calculate a Tier 1 Marginal Energy True-Up Charge. The Tier 1 Marginal Energy True-Up will be applicable to the Load Following, Block and Slice Products. The Tier 1 Marginal Energy True-Up could be either a credit or a charge depending on actual energy use, CHWM amounts, and the directional difference between Tier 1 Rates and market prices. The purpose of the Tier 1 Marginal Energy True-Up is to: 1) provide customers full access to their CHWM; 2) ensure that a market-based energy rate is applied to energy use in excess of a customer’s CHWM; 3) incent accurate load forecasts; 4) appropriately account for forecast directional differences between Tier 1 Rates and market prices: and 5) in the case of the Slice Product, streamline, or potentially eliminate, the need for a separate Requirement Slice Output (RSO) Test under the CHWM Contract for the Slice Product by ensuring that RSO purchased by a Slice customer that is not used to serve the customer’s Total Retail Load is purchased at market-based energy rates rather than at Tier 1 Rates.

The final Tier 1 Marginal Energy True-Up may be either a charge or a credit to a customer. If a charge, such charge shall be applied as a three-month charge spread equally across the three months following the month the final Tier 1 Marginal Energy True-Up Charge is determined by BPA. If a credit, BPA will pay any amounts owed to the customer in a single first-month bill credit. No interest will apply for charges or credits provided in this manner.

### Tier 1 Marginal Energy True-Up Billing Determinant for the Load Following Product

The Tier 1 Marginal Energy True-Up Billing Determinant for the Load Following Product is calculated using the following equations:

Condition 1: If a Load Following customer has Above-CHWM Load and the annual sum of a customer’s Tier 1 Actual Hourly Load is less than its CHWM, then the Tier 1 Marginal Energy True-Up Billing Determinant is equal to:

where:

= Tier 1 Marginal Energy True Up Billing Determinant in kWh

*ACHWM* = the customer’s Above Contract High Water Mark Load in annual kWh

*CHWM* = the customer’s Contract High Water Mark Load in annual kWh

= the customer’s annual sum of Tier 1 Actual Hourly Load in kWh

Figure 4-1. Load Following Condition 1, Examples

Diagram

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Condition 2: If a Load Following customer’s annual sum of a customer’s Tier 1 Actual Hourly Load is greater than its CHWM, then the Tier 1 Marginal Energy True-Up Billing Determinant is equal to:

where:

= Tier 1 Marginal Energy True Up Billing Determinant in kWh

= the customer’s annual sum of Tier 1 Actual Hourly Load in kWh

*CHWM* = the customer’s Contract High Water Mark Load in annual kWh

Figure 4-2. Load Following Condition 2, Examples

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If neither Condition 1 nor Condition 2 apply, then the Load Following customer’s Tier 1 Marginal Energy True-Up Billing Determinant is zero.

### Tier 1 Marginal Energy True-Up Billing Determinant for Block and Slice Products

The Tier 1 Marginal Energy True-Up for Block and Slice Products is calculated using the following equations:

Condition 1: If a Block or Slice customer has no Above-CHWM Load and an Actual Annual Net Load that is greater than its Forecast Tier 1 Annual Net Load, then the Tier 1 Marginal Energy True-Up Billing Determinant is equal to:

where:

= Tier 1 Marginal Energy True Up Billing Determinant in kWh

= the customer’s Actual Annual Net Load in annual kWh

= the customer’s Forecast Annual Net Load in annual kWh

*CHWM* = the customer’s Contract High Water Mark Load in annual kWh

Figure 4-3. Block and Slice Condition 1, Examples

Diagram

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Condition 2: If a Block or Slice customer has no Above-CHWM Load and an Actual Annual Net Load that is less than its Forecast Annual Net Load, then the Tier 1 Marginal Energy True-Up Billing Determinant is equal to:

where:

= Tier 1 Marginal Energy True Up Billing Determinant in kWh

= the customer’s Forecast Annual Net Load in annual kWh

= the customer’s Actual Annual Net Load in annual kWh

Figure 4-4. Block and Slice Condition 2, Example

Diagram

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Condition 3: If a Block or Slice customer has Above- CHWM Load and an Actual Annual Net Load that is greater than or equal to its Forecast Annual Net Load, then the Tier 1 Marginal Energy True-Up Billing Determinant is equal to zero.

Figure 4-5. Block and Slice Condition 3, Example

Chart, waterfall chart

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Condition 4: If a Block or Slice customer has Above-CHWM Load and an Actual Annual Net Load that is less than its Forecast Annual Net Load, then two checks will be evaluated to determine the Tier 1 Marginal Energy True-Up Billing Determinant.

Condition 4 Check 1: If the Block or Slice customer’s Above-CHWM Load is greater than or equal to its Forecast Annual Net Load minus its Actual Annual Net Load, then the Tier 1 Marginal Energy True-Up Billing Determinant is equal to zero.

Figure 4-6. Block and Slice Condition 4: Check 1, Example

Diagram

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Condition 4 Check 2: If the Block or Slice customer’s Above-CHWM Load is less than its FANL minus its AANL, then the Tier 1 Marginal Energy True-Up Billing Determinant is equal to:

where:

= Tier 1 Marginal Energy True Up Billing Determinant in kWh

= the customer’s Forecast Annual Net Load in annual kWh

= the customer’s Actual Annual Net Load in annual kWh

*ACHWM* = the customer’s Above Contract High Water Mark Load in annual kWh

Figure 4-7. Block and Slice Condition 4: Check 2, Example

Diagram, schematic

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### Tier 1 Marginal Energy True-Up Rate

A customer’s Tier 1 Marginal Energy True-Up Rate is the mills/kWh difference between a flat annual block of power purchased from BPA: 1) at its Tier 1 energy rates applicable to the Non-Slice Product, including a customer’s Low Density Discount (LDD), RICc and RICm, and 2) the same amount of power had it been purchased at a market-based price. The Tier 1 Marginal Energy True-Up Rate can be negative or positive, and is specific to each customer. The market-based price will be established in each 7(i) Process. The formula BPA will use to calculate the customer’s Marginal Energy True Up Rate is as follows:

where:

= a customer’s Tier 1 Marginal Energy True Up Rate expressed in mills/kWh for a Fiscal Year

= the mills/kWh market price of a flat annual block of power as established in each 7(i) Process

= mills/kWh cost of a flat annual block of power purchased at BPA’s Tier 1 Composite Energy Rates

= the Tier 1 Non-Slice Energy Rate expressed in mills/kWh for a Fiscal Year

*LDD* = a customer’s Low Density Discount applicable to the Fiscal Year subject to the Tier 1 Marginal Energy True-Up

= a customer’s RICc for the Fiscal Year subject to the Tier 1 Marginal Energy True-Up expressed in mills/kWh

= a customer’s RICm for the Fiscal Year subject to the Tier 1 Marginal Energy True-Up expressed in mills/kWh

## Tier 1 Demand Charge

The Tier 1 Demand Charge sends a long-run marginal price signal to customers to encourage the efficient use of capacity. Tier 1 Demand Charge under this Section 4.3, together with Tier 1 Peak Load Variance Charges under Section 4.4, are also designed to recover the costs of BPA holding capacity to serve customer loads. Forecast revenues received from the Tier 1 Demand Charge are credited to the Non-Slice Cost Pool. The Tier 1 Demand Charge is applicable to the Load Following and Block Products. The Tier 1 Demand Charge is calculated as the Tier 1 Demand Charge Billing Determinant multiplied by the Tier 1 Demand Rate.

### Tier 1 Demand Charge Billing Determinant

BPA will use two quantities to calculate a customer’s monthly Tier 1 Demand Charge Billing Determinant: the customer’s monthly Tier 1 Customer System Peak, and the customer’s monthly average Tier 1 Actual Hourly Load. The following formula will be used to calculate a customer’s monthly Tier 1 Demand Charge Billing Determinant:

where:

= Tier 1 Demand Billing Determinant expressed in kW per month (kW/Mo)

= Tier 1 Customer System Peak each month expressed in kW

= customer’s average Tier 1 Actual Hourly Load each month expressed in akW

For a Joint Operating Entity (JOE), the calculation of the Tier 1 Demand Charge Billing Determinant will be a summation of the Tier 1 Demand Charge Billing Determinant of each member utility.

### Tier 1 Customer System Peak

A customer’s Tier 1Customer System Peak is equal to the customer’s maximum Tier 1 Actual Hourly Load for each month.

### Average Tier 1 Actual Hourly Load

The average Tier 1 Average Actual Hourly Load is calculated as the sum of the customer’s Tier 1 Actual Hourly Load each month, expressed in kilowatt hours, divided by the total hours in the same month.

### Tier 1 Demand Rates

There are 12 Tier 1 Demand Rates, one for each month of the year. Tier 1 Demand Rates will be based on the annual fixed costs (*e.g.*, capital, fixed fuel, and fixed operations and maintenance (O&M)) of the Marginal Capacity Resource, as adjusted for any offsetting fixed revenue of the Marginal Capacity Resource or potential multiple uses of that capacity, as determined in each 7(i) Process. The Marginal Capacity Resource may be based on BPA’s Resource Program, BPA’s actual acquisitions, or third-party sources. Third-party sources may include, but are not limited to, the Energy Information Administration, EPRI Technical Assessment Guide, the Northwest Power and Conservation Council, and Integrated Resource Plans of Pacific Northwest electric utilities.

The annual fixed costs of the Marginal Capacity Resource, as potentially adjusted downward to account for fixed revenue or multiple uses (for example, a battery used for shaping energy and voltage support), will be used to calculate an annual Tier 1 Demand Rate and will be shaped across the 12 months to create 12 monthly Tier 1 Demand Rates. The shape of the monthly Tier 1 Demand Rates will be established using monthly market-based prices, such as BPA’s market energy price forecast or the monthly cost of capacity if a viable capacity market, or other mechanism valuing seasonable capacity, develops in the Pacific Northwest, as established in each 7(i) Process.

### Tier 1 Demand Rate Adjustment Cap

Increases and decreases to the monthly Tier 1 Demand Rates will be limited to a maximum 10 percent (upward or downward) change every two years, with the exception of the Tier 1 Demand Rates set for the BP-29 Rate Period when the first Tier 1 Demand Rates under PRDM are established.

### Capacity Credits

See Appendix E for the overall framework for how the Existing and New Capacity Credits apply.

#### 4.3.6.1 Existing Capacity Credit

An Existing Capacity Credit will be applied when a Load Following customer has a Dedicated Resource that is an Existing Resource that has a capacity obligation that is greater than its monthly Exhibit A amount.

The amount of the Existing Capacity Credit will be established in each 7(i) Process as described in this paragraph. The Existing Capacity Credit will be based on the embedded cost of Supplemental Operating Reserves, or its successor, adjusted to reflect the Tier 1 System Resources only, and shaped into months using each Rate Period’s monthly Tier 1 Demand Rates described in this chapter. The Existing Capacity Credit may be discounted to the specific characteristics of each source of capacity to account for any potential limits in availability like frequency and duration of use. The Existing Capacity Credit may account for other operational characteristics of the capacity that add or subtract value. Any energy provided using this capacity will be credited to the customer at market-based rates as determined in each 7(i) Process. The use of capacity will not impact the measurement of the Tier 1 Customer System Peak and Tier 1 Actual Hourly Load.

#### 4.3.6.2 New Capacity Credit

A customer can qualify for a New Capacity Credit by contractually committing to provide BPA access to capacity not otherwise committed to the customer’s load which, as determined solely by BPA, either: 1) reduces the Administrator’s capacity obligations, or 2) can be used by BPA to help meet the Administrator’s capacity obligations. The allocation of the cost of providing the New Capacity Credit will be determined in each 7(i) Process and may be functionalized to Power, Transmission, or a partial allocation to both. When the cost is functionalized to Power’s Revenue Requirement, that cost of providing the New Capacity Credit will be allocated consistent with the BPA’s statutes, *see* Figure 2-1, and the principles in Section 2.1 above.

The amount of the New Capacity Credit will be established in each 7(i) Process and will be tailored to the characteristics of the capacity provided. The New Capacity Credit will be based on the marginal cost of capacity, such as the Marginal Capacity Resource as used to establish the Tier 1 Demand Rates described in this chapter, and potentially discounted to the specific characteristics of each source of capacity to account for any potential limits in availability like frequency and duration of use. The New Capacity Credit may account for other operational characteristics of the capacity that add or subtract value, such as, but not limited to, accounting for any applicable energy value and recharge costs. The New Capacity Credit will also be constructed with consideration of the potential impact on the Tier 1 Customer System Peak and Tier 1 Actual Hourly Load to limit situations where BPA would pay the customer twice for the same capacity—once through the New Capacity Credit and again through a reduction in Tier 1 Demand and Tier 1 Energy Charge revenue—while also considering implementation ease and practicality.

## Tier 1 Peak Load Variance Charge

The Tier 1 Peak Load Variance Charge(s) (PLVC), are applicable to the Load Following Product and to eligible Block Product customers that elect the Peak Load Variance Service (PLVS). The PLVC recovers the cost of holding capacity for load excursions outside BPA’s expected P50 (50th percentile which means that 50 percent of the peak load forecast will be equal to or exceed this value) peak load forecast up to BPA’s P10 peak load forecast (10thpercentile which means that 10 percent of the peak load forecast will be equal to or exceed this value). Such additional capacity will be adjusted downward for the portion that is recovered through other charges, like Operating Reserves. The costs recovered through the PLVC will be established using BPA’s embedded cost of Supplemental Operating Reserves, or its successor, adjusted to reflect the Tier 1 System Resources only, and shaped into months using each Rate Period’s monthly Tier 1 Demand Rates. PLVC for the Load Following Product will: 1) reflect applicable load diversity benefits; 2) be evaluated using a monthly embedded cost of a shared pool of capacity; and 3) only apply in months where BPA establishes a capacity planning standard applicable to its PF Public load obligations as determined in each 7(i) Process.

The PLVC for the Load Following Product will be calculated using energy Billing Determinants expressed in kilowatthours and the rate will be expressed in a single mills/kWh. The PLVC rate design applicable to the Block Product will be established in each 7(i) Process. The specific loads to include the energy Billing Determinants and the rates used to calculate the PLVC will be established in each 7(i) Process and may be different as between the Load Following Product and the Block Product if planning, access to and use of PLVS capacity is determined to be materially different across the products (*i.e.*, the cost of PLVC will be set commensurate with the service provided). For example, if the Block Product can be used in a way that decreases load diversity and shared pool benefits or if the Block Product has access to PLVS capacity in months other than those where BPA establishes a capacity planning standard applicable to its PF Public load obligations. Revenue from the PLVC will be credited to the Non-Slice Cost Pool.

Energy provided through PLVS for the Load Following Product will be included in Tier 1 Actual Hourly Load, and will be subject to all other applicable Tier 1 rates. Energy provided through PLVS for the Block Product will be priced at a market-based energy rate as established in each 7(i) Process and will apply to any additional monthly energy taken through the PLVS above the customer’s contractually defined Block amount. Energy provided through PLVS for the Block Product within its contractually defined Block amount will be treated as Block load served at Tier 1 Rates.

## Tier 1 Rate Impact Credits

The Core Rate Design includes three Rate Impact Credits: the Rate Impact Credit for Capacity (RICc), the Rate Impact Credit, Mitigation (RICm), and the Rate Impact Credit for the JOE (RICj). The RICc ensures forecast BP-29 capacity needs are charged the embedded cost of capacity. The RICm is a rate design mitigation tool used for transitioning customers from rates in the TRM to rates in the PRDM, by tempering rate impacts over time. The RICj is a rate design mitigation tool used for transitioning a JOE (on behalf of its member) that paid rates under the TRM to the rate design under the PRDM, by tempering the Tier 1 Demand Charge rate impacts over time.

For a JOE, the calculation and application of the RICc and RICm will be a summation of each member’s RICc and RICm. The RICj would be calculated and applied to the JOE.

### Rate Impact Credit, Capacity (RICc)

The RICc credits the customer’s energy rate for the cost difference between the marginal Tier 1 Demand Rate and BPA’s embedded cost of capacity applied to the customer’s forecast BP-29 Rate Period capacity needs. RICc is calculated for all customers regardless of BP-29 Rate Period product choice but will only be applied to the Load Following and Block Only Products. RICc is calculated using the effective rate difference resulting from an application of the marginal Tier 1 Demand Rate and BPA’s embedded cost of capacity. The cost of the RICc will result in a reduction in the demand revenue credited to the Non-Slice Cost Pool.

The RICc for each Load Following customer is equal to the difference between 1) the annual Tier 1 effective rate (mills/kWh) using BP-29 Rate Period forecast Billing Determinants applied to marginal Tier 1 Demand Rates for the subject Rate Period and 2) the annual Tier 1 effective rate (mills/kWh) using the same BP-29 Rate Period forecast Billing Determinants applied to an embedded cost of capacity rate. The embedded cost of capacity rate is calculated using the embedded cost of Supplemental Operating Reserves established for the BP-29 Rate Period, adjusted to only reflect the Tier 1 System Resources for the BP‑29 Rate Period, and shaped into months using each Rate Period’s monthly Tier 1 Demand Rates.

The RICc for Block and Slice Product customers is calculated the same as for a Load Following customer, with the added assumption that each Block and Slice Product customer elected to take only the Block Product with a shaping capacity equal to the greater of: 1) the customer’s BP-29 Rate Period contractual shaping amount, and 2) the maximum amount of shaping capacity the customer could have taken during the BP-29 Rate Period without being subject to a Peak Net Requirement check. As an alternative, a Block or Slice Product customer can also elect, at CHWM Contract signing, to have its RICc calculated using FY 2029 Peak Net Requirement data and its FY 2029 weather-normalized loads as established through a 7(i) Process.

The formula applied to all products is as follows:

where:

RICc = is a customer’s Rate Impact Credit for Capacity expressed in mills/kWh

i = a month of the year

= is the monthly Tier 1 Demand Rate applicable to each Rate Period expressed in mills/kW defined in section 4.3.4 above.

= is the embedded monthly cost of capacity calculated for the BP 29 Rate Period, shaped to the monthly Tier 1 Demand Rates applicable to each Rate Period expressed in mills/kW

= is the customer’s monthly BP-29 Rate Period forecast Tier 1 Demand Billing Determinants for a Load Following customer or, for a Block and Slice customer, the greater of 1) the customer’s BP-29 Rate Period contractual shaping amount and 2) the maximum amount of shaping capacity the customer could have taken during the BP-29 Rate Period without being subject to a Peak Net Requirement check

= is the customer’s sum of BP-29 Rate Period forecast Tier 1 energy

**4.5.1.1 Recalculation of RICc**

The RICc will be recalculated in each 7(i) Process based solely on changes to the marginal Tier 1 Demand Rates as prescribed in Section 4.3.4. above.

BPA may recalculate a Load Following customer’s RICc for application starting in the BP-31 Rate Period if BPA determines that a customer’s BP-29 Rate Period forecast Tier 1 Demand Billing Determinants in any month is more than 15 percent different (larger or smaller) than the Billing Determinants that would result using the customer’s weather-normalized actual FY 2029 load. In such a situation, the RICc for an applicable Load Following customer would be recalculated using the formula in Section 4.5.1, but with the following changes: 1) the customer’s BP-29 Rate Period forecast Tier 1 Billing Determinants ( will be replaced with the customer’s Tier 1 Billing Determinants calculated using weather-normalized actual FY 2029 load; and 2) the customer’s sum of BP-29 Rate Period forecast Tier 1 energy () will be replaced with the customer’s Tier 1 energy calculated using weather-normalized actual FY 2029 load.

A customer’s RICc may also be adjusted, at BPA’s sole discretion, in a 7(i) Process to account for the customer’s demand response actions taken between FY 2025 and FY 2028 that can be quantifiably demonstrated by the customer to have materially changed the customer’s BP-29 Rate Case forecast or its FY 2029 weather normalized loads.

**4.5.1.2 Calculation of RICc for New Publics**

When a New Public is formed entirely from another Existing Public customer with a RICc, the New Public’s RICc will be set equal to the Existing Public’s RICc. When a New Public is formed entirely from a combination of Existing Public customers, a Tier 1 Load weighted RICc will be calculated for the New Public. Under either scenario, the Existing Public customer’s RICc will remain unchanged.

When a New Public is formed entirely from an entity other than an Existing Public, a RICc will be established for the New Public, and will be calculated as described in this section, except the underlying load forecast will be that associated with the first Rate Period in which the New Public is eligible to purchase power at BPA’s Tier 1 Rates. When a New Public is formed in part by an entity other than an Existing Public and in part by Existing Public(s), BPA may, in its sole discretion, use a weighted average RICc methodology that takes into consideration the multiple sources of all the Tier 1 Load, or BPA may choose to calculate the RICc assuming the New Public was formed entirely from an entity other than an Existing Public.

**4.5.1.3 Calculation of RICc for Existing-to-Existing Public Annexation**

A customer’s RICc will not be recalculated for the Existing Public that is having its Tier 1 Load reduced due to annexation. The Existing Public gaining Tier 1 Load as a result of the annexation will have its RICc recalculated based on the weighted average of 1) its prior-to-annexation Tier 1 Load and associated RICc, and 2) the annexed Tier 1 Load and the RICc associated with that load.

#### 4.5.1.4 Product Switching and RICc

A RICc will not be recalculated because of a product switch.

### Rate Impact Credit, Mitigation (RICm)

The Rate Impact Credit for Mitigation (RICm) phases in rate impacts attributed to rate design changes between the previous and current Core Rate Design charges (TRM to 2029 PRDM). The Core Rate Design charges under the TRM include: Customer Charges, Load Shaping Charges, and Tier 1 Demand Charges. The Core Rate Design charges under the PRDM include: Tier 1 Energy Charges, Tier 1 Marginal Energy True-Up, Tier 1 Demand Charge, and the Tier 1 Peak Load Variance Charge. Although the Tier 1 Marginal Energy True-Up and the Tier 1 Peak Load Variance Charge for the Block product are considered Core Rate Design elements of the PRDM, these two are not considered Rate-Design Changes considered for purposes of the RICm. The RICm will not measure any other potential sources of rate impacts, such as differences in the allocation of costs and credits, changes in the calculation of the Irrigation Rate Discount and changes in the Low Density Discount. The RICm will also not include the Tier 1 Peak Load Variance Charge for Block customers that are either 1) not eligible to purchase or ; 2) do not elect to purchase the PLVS for the BP-29 rate period. For Block customers that are eligible and elect to purchase the PLVS for the BP-29 rate period, the RICm will be measured by assuming a PLVC that is the same as if the customer were purchasing the Load Following Product.

The RICm is a rate credit that can be either positive or negative and is specific to each customer (mills/kWh). The RICm sets a positive-cap, or ceiling, at the outset of the 2029 PRDM. The cost of that rate impact cap is allocated to customers with forecast negative rate impacts based on an effective negative-cap, or floor, for rate impacts at the outset of the 2029 PRDM. The negative-cap, or floor, is solved for by increasing the floor for all customers until the sum of the RICm charges (*e*.*g*., negative credits) is equal to the sum of the RICc credits. The BP-29 rate impact positive-cap will be 2 percent. The RICm will be phased out in two-year increments after FY 2030 by adding 0.15 mills/kWh to each customer’s negative RICm until the customer’s RICm is zero or above. When a customer’s two-year RICm flips from being negative to positive, that customer’s RICm will be deemed fully phased out and be set to zero. A positive RICm will decline in direct proportion to the phase out of the aggregate cost of the RICm program. A phase out of the customer’s positive or negative RICm will be in proportion to each other.

The phase out schedule applicable to customers with positive RICm Rates will be set in the BP-29 7(i) Process and fixed for the term of the contract. As the phase out schedule materializes over time, there will be differences in the aggregate RICm credits and RICm charges. Any such difference, positive or negative, will be allocated to the Composite Cost Pool.

**4.5.2.1 Calculation of RICm for New Publics**

A RICm will not be established for any New Public. Under no situation will an Existing Public customer’s RICm be changed as a result of the formation of a New Public.

**4.5.2.2 Calculation of RICm for Existing-Public to Existing-Public Annexation**

A customer’s RICm will not be recalculated for the Existing Public that is having its Tier 1 Load reduced due to annexation. The Existing Public gaining Tier 1 Load as a result of the annexation will have its RICm recalculated based on the weighted average of its prior annexation Tier 1 Load and associated RICm and the annexed Tier 1 Load and the RICm associated with that load.

**4.5.2.3 Product Switching and RICm**

In the event a customer with a negative RICm (*i.e.*, the RICm reduces the amount the customer pays BPA) switches products during the contract duration, their RICm will be eliminated starting in the Rate Period the product switch becomes effective. In the event a customer with a positive RICm (*i.e.*, the RICm increases the amount the customer pays BPA) switches products during the contract duration, their RICm will remain unchanged from the amounts and schedule as established through the BP-29 7(i) Process.

### Rate Impact Credit, JOE (RICj)

The Rate Impact Credit for the JOE (RICj) phases in rate impacts attributed solely to changes to the Tier 1 Demand Charge calculations particular to the JOE from TRM and PRDM. The RICj credits the only JOE that paid rates under the TRM and is applicable only if that JOE elects the Load Following Product. It is a stream of bill credits phased out over time with a first-year bill credit that is calibrated to mitigate the rate impacts the JOE’s members would experience as a result of changing the method used to calculate the JOE’s demand Billing Determinant. The cost of the RICj would be allocated to the Non-Slice Cost Pool and would not impact any customer’s Tier 1 Marginal Energy True-Up Rate. The RICj would be issued on the October bill of each Fiscal Year. The annual RICj is shown in Table 4‑1.

Table 4-1. RATE IMPACT CREDIT FOR THE JOE SCHEDULE

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| --- | --- |
| **Fiscal Year** | **RICj Amount** |
| 2029 | $1,000,000 |
| 2030 | $933,333 |
| 2031 | $866,667 |
| 2032 | $800,000 |
| 2033 | $733,333 |
| 2034 | $666,667 |
| 2035 | $600,000 |
| 2036 | $533,333 |
| 2037 | $466,667 |
| 2038 | $400,000 |
| 2039 | $333,333 |
| 2040 | $266,667 |
| 2041 | $200,000 |
| 2042 | $133,333 |
| 2043 | $66,667 |
| 2044 | $0 |

## Tier 1 Other Charges

BPA will limit Tier 1 Rates and Charges to those detailed in this Chapter 4. These limitations pertain to the Core Rate Design charges and credits of the PRDM and do not encompass other adjustments, charges, credits, and special rate provisions (*e.g.*, customer-specific charges and credits, targeted adjustment charges, unauthorized increase charges, conservation charges, credits, or surcharges), or any other charges or credits allowed under Section 9.4.

These limitations do not apply to rate adjustments developed and assessed for risk mitigation (*e.g.*, application of a Cost Recovery Adjustment Clause (CRAC)), new or modified risk mitigation tools, or mid-Rate Period rate adjustments for cost recovery purposes. Further, the PRDM does not in any way limit or constrain the way in which BPA recovers its conservation costs from its customers.

In addition, BPA may also, without revising the PRDM, impose separate rates for product and service switching, which will be developed as needed in the applicable 7(i) Process. If, notwithstanding the limitations expressed here, BPA or a party in a 7(i) Process wishes to institute a new rate or charge, it may pursue a revision to this PRDM to reflect such new rate or charge in accordance with the provisions in Chapter 9.

## Disaggregation of Risks within Tier 1 Non-Slice Products

Except for the Core Rate Design charges defined above, the PRDM will not further sub allocate risk-related costs between or within products prior to September 30, 2041. This prohibition of a further sub allocation of risk is limited to Tier 1 Rates and does not apply to any other rates, products, or services that BPA may provide, such as Tier 2 Rates and other PF and non-PF rates, products, and services. Any sub allocation of risk in Tier 1 Rates after September 30, 2041, would be decided through a 7(i) Process. A proposal to change the suballocation of risk in the Tier 1 Rates after September 30, 2041, in a 7(i) Process, will not be considered a revision to the PRDM.

## Cashflow Considerations

Because the Tier 1 Rate design may result in within-year cash flow impacts to customers, BPA may, if practicable and consistent with BPA’s statutory obligation to ensure timely cost recovery, accommodate individual customer requests to reshape charges within the Fiscal Year to mitigate adverse cash flow effects on the customer. Such reshaping of charges must recover the same amount of dollars on a net present value basis within the Fiscal Year as would have been recovered without the reshaping. The reshaping of the payments must be mutually agreed upon by both BPA and the customer prior to the start of the Rate Period. Absent agreement, the customer will pay the Tier 1 Energy Charges without reshaping.

The reshaping of the Tier 1 Energy Charges will take into account the cash-flow impacts to the customer of a forecast of Tier 1 Energy Charges, a forecast of Tier 1 Demand Charges, and a forecast of Tier 1 Peak Load Variance Charges. The forecast cash-flow impacts to the customer will be mitigated by including fixed dollar monthly credits and debits that recover, in total, the same amount of dollars on a net present value basis. The fixed dollar monthly credits and debits will not impact any rate or Billing Determinant. To accommodate reshaping requests, BPA will take into account the potential offsetting impacts of multiple reshaping requests. BPA may prorate multiple reshaping requests if necessary to avoid or mitigate material adverse impacts on BPA’s cash flow.

# TIER 2 RATE DESIGN

Consistent with the provisions below, the specific rate designs for BPA’s Tier 2 Rate Alternatives will be determined in each 7(i) Process. BPA’s allocation of costs to the Tier 2 Cost Pools associated with the Tier 2 Rate Alternatives will be subject to the provisions of this PRDM. The allocation of Tier 2 Costs and the design of Tier 2 Rates will ensure to the maximum extent practical that the Tier 2 Rates will recover the full allocated cost of BPA service to planned Above-CHWM Load. Tier 1 System Resources will not be used in a manner that subsidizes the allocated costs of Tier 2 Rate service. All Tier 2 Cost Pools will include the marginal cost of meeting resource planning requirements as well as include the marginal cost of providing any applicable Support Services.

**5.1 Tier 2 Construct**

Each customer will elect, in its CHWM Contract, how its Above-CHWM Load will be served during the contract term. The customer will choose whether and how its Above-CHWM will be served by electing the Tier 2 Long-Term Path, the Tier 2 Flexible Above-CHWM Path, or a combination of the two paths. Above-CHWM Load under the Tier 2 Long-Term Path is served by BPA under its Tier 2 Long-Term Alternative at the Tier 2 Long-Term Rate. Above-CHWM Load under the Tier 2 Flexible Above-CHWM Path could be served by a combination of the customer’s non‑Federal resources, BPA’s Tier 2 Short‑Term Alternative at the Tier 2 Short‑Term Rate, and BPA’s Tier 2 Vintage Alternatives at the applicable Tier 2 Vintage Rate.

BPA will establish only one Tier 2 Long-Term Rate for each year, and one Tier 2 Short-Term Rate for each year. BPA may establish multiple Tier 2 Vintage Rates as BPA may provide multiple distinct Tier 2 Vintage Alternatives within a year, and each would have its own rate based on the cost of the resources specific to each distinct Tier 2 Vintage Alternative. Each customer electing a particular Tier 2 Rate Alternative will pay the rate associated with the Tier 2 Rate Alternative Service. Each Tier 2 Rate will be established to recover all the Tier 2 Costs allocated to that Tier 2 Rate Alternative plus any adders to account for real power losses, overhead costs, other costs, and other services being provided from BPA to support power sold at each Tier 2 Rate. BPA will establish Tier 2 Rates based on the cost of providing a flat annual block of power.

Any Forecast Firm Inventory used to provide service at Tier 2 Rates will be priced at the marginal value of such power, except Forecast Firm Inventory used to provide service at the Tier 2 Long-Term Rate, which will be at a rate equivalent to BPA’s Tier 1 Non-Slice Rates. Forecast Firm Inventory will be used to provide service at the Tier 2 Long-Term Rate when BPA has Forecast Firm Inventory, as determined in each 7(i) Process, and the Tier 2 Long-Term Rate has an otherwise unmet power need.

### Tier 2 Amounts

The amount of power purchased by a customer under BPA’s Tier 2 Rate Alternatives for each Rate Period will be established in the Above-CHWM Process consistent with each customer’s Above-CHWM Load elections. The Above-CHWM Process concludes before Tier 2 Rates are set in the 7(i) Process. Above-CHWM Load served at Tier 2 Rates will be in fixed, annual amounts on a take-or-pay basis for each Fiscal Year of a Rate Period. To support operational convenience, a Load Following customer that would have a portion of its Above-CHWM Load served under the Tier 2 Flexible Path can also elect to have up to 0.999 aMW of its Above-CHWM Load served through the Core Rate Design as described in Chapter 4. The 0.999 aMW election would apply to the JOE and not to each of the JOE’s members.

## Tier 2 Cost Basis

As described in Section 2.2.1.4, BPA will identify which of its costs are Tier 2 Costs and to which Tier 2 Cost Pool the costs will be allocated for calculating each Tier 2 Rate in the applicable 7(i) Process. Additionally, Section 3.6 contains guidance regarding the allocation of specific resource costs.

### Tier 2 Cost Component Construct

The costs included in each of the Tier 2 Cost Pools will be BPA’s costs associated with serving the customers who elect service at the corresponding Tier 2 Rate Alternative.

For a Tier 2 Rate Alternative based on block energy purchases from market sources, the costs allocated to that Cost Pool will include costs that BPA incurs to serve load at a set or variable price, with a combination of forward and spot purchases of block energy from the market. When this type of Tier 2 Rate is set, BPA may not have made all the market purchases needed to serve the loads at this rate. Consequently, this type of rate may be comprised of both known and projected costs of the energy from market purchases, a risk component to cover the expected risks of providing service at a set forward price (which could take the form of some combination of Planned Net Revenues for Risk (PNRR) and rate adjustments or true-ups), plus any adders to account for real power losses, risk, overhead costs, and other costs being incurred and services being provided by BPA to support power sold at that specific Tier 2 Rate. *See* Section 5.2.3 below for the construct of the Overhead Cost Adder.

For a Tier 2 Rate Alternative based on non-dispatchable resources, the costs allocated to that Tier 2 Cost Pool will include costs BPA incurs to serve load with a purchase of the specific non-dispatchable resource. These types of costs may include the cost of the resource purchase, transaction costs, the cost of providing Support Services, plus any adders to account for real power losses, risk, overhead costs, and other costs being incurred or services being provided by BPA to support power sold at that specific Tier 2 Rate. Transaction costs might include transmission and Balancing Authority Area charges for within-hour balancing. Transaction costs may be known or be based on projections that are trued up after the fact. The cost of providing Support Services would be at the same rates as those that would be applied to a customer’s purchase of a non-dispatchable Non-Federal Resource to convert the resource delivery to the financial equivalent of a flat annual block.

For a Tier 2 Rate Alternative based on dispatchable resources, the costs allocated to that Tier 2 Cost Pool will include costs and risks that BPA incurs to serve load with a purchase of a dispatchable resource, with the customer assuming the operational risks. These types of costs include projected annual fixed costs (debt service and fixed operations and maintenance (O&M)) of the resource; the expected fuel and variable O&M costs of the resource based on its expected operation; a mechanism to true up the expected fuel and variable O&M costs to actual costs; the cost of operating reserves and replacement power for outages; a mechanism to compensate the customer for any savings from economic dispatch of the resource, including fuel remarketing proceeds; costs of transmission services, if any, to transmit power to the federal system; transaction costs; plus any adders to account for real power losses, risk, overhead costs, and other costs being incurred or services being provided by BPA to support power sold at that specific Tier 2 Rate.

A Tier 2 Alternative Cost Pool can include combinations of market purchases and resource costs, as described above. Tier 2 Rates can be fixed for a Rate Period or be subject to true-ups, surcharges, and other adjustments to support collecting BPA’s cost of providing a Tier 2 Rate Alternative from the customers who elect service at the corresponding Tier 2 Rate Alternative.

**5.2.2 Tier 2 and Support Services**

Tier 2 Rates based on the costs of resources acquired by BPA to serve Above-CHWM Loads will include appropriate Support Services charges necessary to price the service as if the resource output is serving a flat annual load. Support Services supplied by BPA for resources serving loads at Tier 2 Rates will ensure energy neutrality, and Support Services capacity-related charges will compensate the Composite Cost Pool for the value of the Support Services and for risk exposure incurred due to the provision of Support Services. Support Services may include energy-related and other charges. The revenue from these other charges will be allocated to the Cost Pool based on cost causation principles, such as allocating Support Services energy-related charges to the Non-Slice Cost Pool if BPA’s Balancing Power Purchases costs, which are also allocated to the Non-Slice Cost Pool, are being impacted as a result of BPA providing Support Services. The forecast costs for Support Services used to calculate each Tier 2 Rate will be set in each 7(i) Process for each Rate Period.

**5.2.3 Tier 2 Overhead Cost Adder**

Each Tier 2 Cost Pool will include an Overhead Cost Adder. This adder will provide an offset to the Composite Cost Pool for the general and administrative (overhead) costs associated with BPA’s provision of power at Tier 2 Rates. In each 7(i) Process, BPA will propose an Overhead Cost Adder to be applied to all power sold at Tier 2 Rates (mills/kWh). The adder will be set at a level that will reasonably compensate the Composite Cost Pool for the costs of providing the service, which BPA expects would be comparable to typical electricity broker fees.

## Tier 2 Remarketing

If BPA remarkets a customer’s Tier 2 purchase obligation pursuant to the CHWM Contract, then BPA will credit the proceeds to such customer (net of any remarketing costs as described in the next section). The customer must continue to pay for the entire purchase at the appropriate Tier 2 Rate.

### Calculating Remarketed Tier 2 Rate Proceeds

If BPA remarkets for a customer any Tier 2 Rate Alternative purchase obligation, the proceeds (as established below) obtained from such remarketing will be netted against the customer’s monthly bill. BPA will calculate the applicable rate(s) used to calculate the proceeds for the remarketed energy in each 7(i) Process. The total proceeds of the remarketed energy will be reduced for aggregated transaction costs, including, but not limited to, such costs as broker or other marketing fees, transmission costs, transmission losses, and odd lot remarketing costs. Transaction costs also could include a risk component or adjustment mechanism for the risk associated with the potential difference between forecast and actual market prices.

The customer will remain responsible for paying any charges and adjustments that otherwise would have been paid had BPA not had to provide remarketing. Remarketing of Tier 2 Rate Alternative purchase obligation amounts that include a transfer of Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) to the customer under the customer’s CHWM Contract will not affect any transfer of RECs to the customer associated with such amounts. This procedure will be applied whether or not BPA actually remarkets the power or uses it for its own purposes.

## Tier 2 Long-Term Alternative

### Tier 2 Long-Term Change Fee and Charge

Pursuant to the terms in the customer’s CHWM Contract, a customer may elect to change (cap or reduce) its Tier 2 Long-Term Alternative election. A Tier 2 Change Fee and a Long-Term Tier 2 Change Charge will apply if this change in original election is made 1) after BPA acquires power for the purposes of serving Tier 2 Long-Term Path obligations, or 2) after July 31, 2027, whichever occurs first. The Tier 2 Change Fee will be established in each 7(i) Process and will be no lower than 0.05 mills/kWh and no higher than 0.10 mills/kWh applied to the customer’s Tier 1 Load amount for the Rate Period immediately following the election.

The Long-Term Tier 2 Change Charge will be based on costs BPA determines would otherwise be spread to other Tier 2 Long-Term Path customers, calculated independent to and without consideration of the Tier 2 Change Fee, as a result of the change in election. The revenue received from the Tier 2 Change Fee and the Long-Term Tier 2 Change Charge will be credited to the Tier 2 Long-Term Cost Pool.

### Tier 2 Long-Term Cost Reallocation Provision

If the Tier 2 Long-Term Cost Pool contains costs and BPA has no load being served at the Tier 2 Long-Term Rate, BPA will reallocate such costs to all customers that elected any portion of their potential Above-CHWM Load to be served under the Tier 2 Long-Term Alternative. This reallocation will be spread across all such customers’ Rate Period forecast Tier 1 Energy Charge Billing Determinants.

Similarly, if a subset of customers that elected BPA’s Tier 2 Long-Term Alternative are determined to be bearing an inequitable amount of the costs allocated to the Tier 2 Long-Term Cost Pool, BPA will determine, through the 7(i) Process, the portion of the Tier 2 Long-Term Cost Pool to be reallocated to all customers that elected any portion of their potential Above-CHWM Load be served under the Tier 2 Long-Term Alternative. This reallocation will be spread across all such customers’ Rate Period forecast Tier 1 Energy Charge Billing Determinants.

## Tier 2 Vintage Alternative

Pursuant to the terms in the customer’s CHWM Contract, a customer may elect to serve its Above-CHWM load under the Tier 2 Flexible Above-CHWM Path. Included in the Tier 2 Flexible Above-CHWM Path is the eligibility to purchase power at a Tier 2 Vintage Rate.

A Tier 2 Vintage Rate will be established when BPA acquires a Vintage Resource(s) pursuant to the terms of the customer’s CHWM Contract. The Tier 2 Vintage Rate will be based on the costs of the Vintage Resource(s) along with any associated services or costs. The applicable Tier 2 Vintage Rate determined by BPA shall be restated in the Statement of Intent as described in the CHWM Contract.

When a customer purchases power under a Tier 2 Vintage Alternative that is in excess of its then current Above-CHWM Load, BPA may treat such power as either: 1) a sale of surplus power sold at a surplus rate equivalent to the applicable Tier 2 Vintage Rate to be managed by the customer; or 2) excess power to be managed by BPA through a remarketing service (*see* Section 5.3) until the customer’s load grows into its Tier 2 Vintage amount, as determined by BPA.

A formula or other special rate provision will be established in each 7(i) Process to address applicable credits and charges that may result when power delivery under a Tier 2 Vintage Alterative begins within a Fiscal Year and when power delivery occurs earlier or later than planned.

# SUPPORT SERVICES

Support Services are offered under the CHWM Contract and include multiple services that assist in the integration of Federal and non-Federal resources with load service. Support Services are available for all specified Non-Federal Resources that Load Following customers contractually dedicate to serve their Total Retail Load (TRL), and for specified new renewable resources Block customers contractually dedicate to serve their TRL.

Support Services include both Resource Support Services (RSS) and Other Support Services (OSS). RSS may include, but are not limited to, providing forced outage services, services providing additional Federal capacity to help the customer meet its contractual obligations with BPA, or services to firm up variable generation. OSS may include but are not limited to scheduling services, curtailment management services, and/or market integration related services. See Appendix D for the overall framework of Support Services.

* 1. **Support Services Pricing Principles**

Support Services will be priced comparably across Load Following and Block Products. With one exception, the capacity component of each Support Service will be priced at a marginal cost of capacity, such as the Marginal Capacity Resource used to set the Tier 1 Demand Rates, and any applicable energy components will be priced at a market-based price of energy for the appropriate time period for the particular Support Service. The exception to the marginal cost of capacity pricing is for contractually required Resource Support Services applied to Existing Resources. In this situation, the capacity-based fee will be calculated using BPA’s embedded cost of Supplemental Operating Reserves, or its successor, adjusted to reflect the Tier 1 System Resources only.

Other costs, such as the cost of providing scheduling services, could be based on relevant portions of BPA’s Revenue Requirement or on the cost charged by other entities to provide a similar service.

The price of capacity, the price of energy, and the allocation of any other costs for Support Services offered by BPA will be determined in each 7(i) Process. The revenue received from providing Support Services will be allocated to the Cost Pool based on cost causation principles—such as allocating capacity-related revenue to the Composite Cost Pool to compensate for the associated Designated System Obligation, or to the Non-Slice Cost Pool to offset impacts to BPA’s Balancing Power Purchases costs that are otherwise allocated to the Non-Slice Cost Pool.

* 1. **Treatment for Load Following Non-Dispatchable Dedicated Resources that are Existing Resources but Not Variable Energy Resources**

BPA will apply a Forced Outage Reserves Service (FORS)-based fee to all Load Following customer’s Non-Dispatchable Dedicated Resources that are Existing Resources but not Variable Energy Resources. The capacity-based fee will be calculated using BPA’s embedded cost of Supplemental Operating Reserves, or its successor, adjusted to reflect the Tier 1 System Resources only. The FORS-based fee allows an Existing Resource dedicated to a Load Following customer’s load that is Non-Dispatchable and not a Variable Energy Resource to produce generation below its Contract Exhibit A amounts under conditions defined in the CHWM Contract (such as megawatthour limits, frequency of occurrence, qualifying events, and notice requirements) and pay a market-based rate (inclusive of potential upward adjustments and other costs), as established in each 7(i) Process.

The FORS-based fee also allows eligible resources, as defined by the CHWM Contract, to receive a market-based energy credit (inclusive of potential downward adjustments and other costs), as established in each 7(i) Process, for amounts of energy produced by the resource in excess of its Exhibit A amounts. To avoid double counting, only the Exhibit A amounts will be used for purposes of calculating Billing Determinants as described in Chapter 4 of this PRDM.

* 1. **Treatment for Load Following Non-Dispatchable** **Dedicated Resources that are Existing Resources and are Variable Energy Resources**

BPA will apply a capacity-based fee to all Load Following customer’s Non-Dispatchable Dedicated Resources that are both Existing Resources and Variable Energy Resources. The capacity-based fee will be calculated using BPA’s embedded cost of Supplemental Operating Reserves, or its successor, adjusted to reflect the Tier 1 System Resources only. The capacity-based fee allows BPA to treat the resource as a firm resource for purposes of the Tier 1 Demand Charge, as described in Section 4.3. It also allows an Existing Resource dedicated to a Load Following customer’s load that is Non-Dispatchable and a Variable Energy Resource to produce generation below its Exhibit A amounts and pay a market-based rate (inclusive of potential upward adjustments and other costs), as established in each 7(i) Process.

The capacity-based fee also allows eligible resources, as defined by the CHWM Contract, to receive a market-based energy credit (inclusive of potential downward adjustments and other costs), as established in each 7(i) Process, for amounts of energy produced by the resource in excess of its Exhibit A amounts. The capacity-based fee will be calculated using BPA’s embedded cost of Supplemental Operating Reserves, or its successor, adjusted to reflect the Tier 1 System Resources only.

To avoid double counting, only the Exhibit A amounts will be used for purposes of calculating Billing Determinants as described in Chapter 4 of this PRDM.

* 1. **Treatment for Load Following Dispatchable Dedicated Resources that are Existing Resources**

BPA may apply credits, charges, and require a Load Following customer to purchase Support Services for Dispatchable Dedicated Resources that are Existing Resources. The purpose of the credits, charges, and services is to ensure, facilitate, or help a customer meet its contractual obligations with BPA, while also capturing the dispatchable energy and capacity value of the resource. A Load Following customer’s Dispatchable Dedicated Resources that are Existing Resources will come with contractual capacity-related obligations and will also be provided an Existing Capacity Credit as described in Section 4.3.6.1.

* 1. **Treatment for Load Following Resources Serving Above-CHWM Load**

BPA will apply credits, charges, and may require that a Load Following customer purchase Support Services when its resources serving Above-CHWM Load are not provided in the shape of a flat annual block of power. The purpose of the credits, charges, and applicable services is to capture the value difference, both in energy and capacity, that the customer’s resource serving Above-CHWM Load brings relative to a flat annual block of power.

# RISK MITIGATION

In each 7(i) Process, BPA will establish risk mitigation mechanisms and set rates that are consistent with BPA’s then-current agency financial risk standard(s), as set out in BPA’s then-current financial plan and policies.

The CHWM Contract includes take-or-pay provisions that obligate each customer to pay its monthly BPA power bills calculated using the Tier 1 and Tier 2 Rates applicable to each customer.

## Tier 1 Risk

In each 7(i) Process, BPA will assess the risks related to the costs and revenues allocated to the Tier 1 Cost Pools, design risk mitigation measures, and set the Tier 1 Rates to meet BPA’s risk standard(s). Such measures may include PNRR, Cost Recovery Adjustment Clauses (CRACs), true-ups to actual costs, and other measures determined appropriate by BPA.

The primary financial risk mitigation measures for the Slice Product are the transfer of the net secondary revenue risk to Slice purchasers (by providing them with secondary energy instead of a rate credit for anticipated net secondary revenues) and the Slice True-Up (*see* Section 2.7).

## Tier 2 Risk

Risks in Tier 2 will be assessed in each 7(i) Process, both for each Tier 2 Rate Alternative and collectively for all Tier 2 Rate Alternatives, to determine if the terms and conditions have mitigated such risks sufficiently to meet BPA’s risk standards. In addition to such terms and conditions, BPA will include in Tier 2 Rates any supplementary risk mitigation necessary to meet BPA’s risk standards. Altogether, Tier 2 risk mitigation will be structured so that the risk associated with Tier 2 Rates will not increase the costs allocated to Tier 1 Cost Pools or require any enhancement of Tier 1 risk protection mechanisms beyond what would have been required absent sales at Tier 2 Rates. BPA recognizes that it may be limited in Tier 2 Rate offerings by the foregoing requirements that Tier 2 risks not increase costs allocated to Tier 1 or require enhancement of Tier 1 risk protections.

In each 7(i) Process, when there is more specificity about the resource and purchase costs allocated to the various Tier 2 Cost Pools, BPA will assess the risks of providing service at the various Tier 2 Rate Alternatives. BPA will propose risk mitigation tools for each Tier 2 Cost Pool (*e.g.*, PNRR, CRACs, and true-ups to actual costs), as appropriate.

## Assessment of Aggregate Risk

If, after assessing and mitigating risks for each Tier 1 Cost Pool and Tier 2 Cost Pool, BPA finds that Power function risks have not been adequately mitigated pursuant to BPA’s risk standards, then BPA will allocate the remaining risk and any additional mitigation between the tiers in the applicable 7(i) Process, consistent with this PRDM.

# OTHER RATE DESIGN

This chapter identifies and describes ancillary PF rates not otherwise described in Chapters 4 and 5. These include: Rates for Unanticipated Load, Low Density Discount, Irrigation Rate Discount, and PF Exchange.

## Rates for Unanticipated Load

BPA will develop rates in the applicable 7(i) Process for service to unanticipated loads (*e.g.*, due to delay in the start-up of a specified new Non-Federal Resource). Unanticipated loads are public preference loads that BPA is obligated to serve under its statutes, but of which BPA has not had the notice to serve as required by the CHWM Contract or General Rate Schedule Provisions (GRSPs) for a customer to receive service at Tier 1 or Tier 2 Rates. The GRSPs developed in the applicable 7(i) Process will establish the terms and conditions for application of these rates, which are intended to reflect the costs associated with the power and services needed to serve such load.

Load that BPA does not have an obligation to serve may face an unauthorized increase (UAI) charge. For example, if a customer does not provide for serving load when a Non-Federal Resource has an outage, and BPA delivers power, such power deliveries would be charged the UAI.

## Low Density Discount

In the applicable 7(i) Process, BPA will apply a long-term Low Density Discount (LDD) that will remain in effect for multiple Rate Periods to the extent permitted by Section 7(d)(1) of the Northwest Power Act. The LDD benefit to a JOE will be equivalent to the sum of LDD benefits calculated for all eligible individual members of the JOE. BPA will determine the LDD for the JOE based on each such individual utility member’s LDD amount.

The LDD will apply to the following Tier 1 charges: Tier 1 Composite Energy Charge, the Tier 1 Non-Slice Energy Charge, the Tier 1 Slice Energy Charge, the Tier 1 Demand Charge, and the Tier 1 Peak Load Variance Charge. LDD will not apply to purchases of power for Above-CHWM Load. The cost of the LDD program will be allocated to the Composite Cost Pool. The discount will be determined using the LDD Percentage Discount Table, as published in the applicable GRSPs.

In the applicable 7(i) Process, BPA will apply an LDD Percentage Discount Table that is the same as or similar to the example in Appendix C. The table will be formulated so that the resulting LDD program cost is forecast to be between $42 million and $44 million on average per year during the BP-29 Rate Period. This program cost may include utility-specific adjustments intended to temporarily mitigate a loss in program benefits to a utility deemed to be materially impacted by the change in LDD methodology from the TRM to the PRDM. This program cost above is comparable to the program costs prior to the effective date of the PRDM.

The eligibility requirements of C/M (consumers per mile of line) and K/I (kWh to investment ratio) will initially be calculated in the same manner as was the case in BP-26 Rate Period. BPA may, in a later 7(i) Process, propose changes to the eligibility requirements, LDD Percentage Discount Table, and definitions. Additionally, the definitions in the GRSPs may be adjusted to accommodate changes to distribution systems, including underground distribution lines, where appropriate.

## Irrigation Rate Discount

Beginning with the BP-29 Rate Period and continuing through the term of the CHWM Contracts, BPA will include an Irrigation Rate Discount (IRD) in BPA’s wholesale power 7(i) Process initial rate proposals in the form of a fixed percentage discount on the Tier 1 Rates. Eligible irrigation loads will be identified in a customer’s CHWM Contract and will not increase during the term of the contract. The discount will not apply to loads served at Tier 2 Rates.

The IRD benefit to a JOE will be equivalent to the sum of IRD benefits calculated for all eligible individual members of the JOE. BPA will determine the IRD benefit for the JOE based on each such individual utility member’s IRD benefit.

In the BP-29 7(i) Process, BPA will calculate the fixed IRD percentage that will remain for the term of the CHWM Contract. The IRD percentage will be set by calculating the value that will result in a program cost of approximately $22 million in FY 2029, when applied to eligible irrigation loads in that year. This program cost above is comparable to the program costs prior to the effective date of the PRDM.

Each Rate Period, BPA will use the IRD percentage to set a mills/kWh discount rate that, when applied to qualified irrigation load, produces a dollar credit on eligible customers’ power bills. The percentage will be multiplied by the sum of the forecast revenue that irrigation loads will pay through Tier 1 Rates, adjusted for any applicable LDD, divided by the sum of the irrigation loads (expressed in kWh) to derive the mills/kWh discount. This discount will be seasonally available to qualifying loads during May, June, July, August, and September.

The CHWM Contract will include the terms and conditions for the IRD. The CHWM Contract also will specify quantities, definitions, and conditions for a qualifying irrigation load. The discount rate to be applied to qualifying irrigation loads for the relevant Rate Period will be determined in the applicable 7(i) Process and will be included in the applicable GRSPs.

BPA will include in the FY 2029 proposed GRSPs the eligibility criteria for the IRD. To qualify for the IRD, the customer must meet one of the following criteria:

1) The customer must have participated in BPA’s IRD program in FY 2028.

2) At least 75 percent of the customer’s Total Retail Load must be placed on BPA starting October 1, 2028, and the customer’s irrigation rate schedule sales, May through September in FY 2018-2022, divided by its TRL for FY 2018-2022, is at least 5 percent; or, if less than 5 percent, the average kilowatts used for May through September in FY 2018-2022 (25 months/5 years) is 7,500,000 kWh or more.

Eligibility evaluation will be determined differently for existing and newly eligible Irrigation Rate customers. Eligibility evaluation for existing IRD customers will occur at signing of the CHWM Contract. Eligibility for new Irrigation Rate customers will be evaluated 90 calendar days after BPA issues the final PRDM ROD in 2025. Newly eligible IRD customers’ CHWM Contracts will be amended to reflect the eligible kilowatthour amounts.

For a Slice customer, BPA will apply the percentage reduction to the lesser of the customer’s qualifying irrigation load (kilowatthours) specified in its CHWM Contract or the sum of its monthly Block purchase at Tier 1 Rates plus the monthly Firm Slice Amount. No other charges or Billing Determinants will be affected.

There will be a true-up process at the end of each year’s May through September irrigation season to ensure that the customer experienced the full amount of irrigation load stated in the CHWM Contract. If a customer’s May through September measured irrigation load is less than the amount of load eligible for mitigation, a true-up calculation will determine the amount the customer owes BPA at end of the irrigation season. The details and requirements of the true-up will be described in the applicable 7(i) Process and included in the GRSPs for each applicable Rate Period.

BPA will require IRD participating customers to implement cost-effective conservation measures on eligible irrigation systems in their service territories, as described in the GRSPs. The conservation measures may be eligible for future BPA conservation programs; the amount of BPA support will be determined through the 7(i) Process.

## Section 7(b)(2) Rate Test

### PF Exchange Rate for Customers with CHWM Contract

The PF Exchange Rate is not applicable to PF customers with a CHWM Contract.

### PF Exchange Rate for Customers without a CHWM Contract

For customers that have not signed a CHWM Contract and have signed a Residential Purchase and Sale Agreement (RPSA), BPA will establish a PF Exchange rate(s) in each 7(i) Process. Such rate(s) will be set consistent with the Northwest Power Act.

### Section 7(b)(2) or Section 7(b)(3) Issues Not Addressed by PRDM

Notwithstanding any other provisions in this PRDM, this PRDM does not address, and therefore neither authorizes nor precludes, the allocation of Section 7(b)(2) trigger amounts to BPA surplus sales, including secondary energy sales under the Slice Product. Notwithstanding any other provisions in this PRDM, all issues pertaining to calculation of the Section 7(b)(2) rate test and allocation of the Section 7(b)(3) surcharge will be determined in the applicable 7(i) Process.

# PRDM REVISION PROCESSES AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

In this Chapter 9:

* **Customer** means a Public that purchases power from BPA at a Tier 1 Rate under a CHWM Contract.
* **Customer Group** means a group comprised of not less than 45 percent of the Customers (utility count) or 45 percent of the sum of the CHWMs.

For purposes of calculating utility count for a Customer Group or under Sections 9.2.2.2, 9.3.2.2, 9.4.2.2, 9.5.2, or 9.5.3, a JOE is counted by its component utilities.

## General Provisions

### Process Generally Applicable to Any PRDM Revision

No revision to this PRDM may be made without the introduction, consideration, and adoption of such revision in a 7(i) Process. BPA will comply with the applicable requirements of this Chapter 9 when proposing revisions to the PRDM. Should a proposed revision to the PRDM not satisfied the requirements for introduction in a 7(i) Process as set out herein, then BPA shall neither propose nor adopt such proposed revision in a 7(i) Process until the applicable requirements of this Chapter 9 are satisfied.

Except as provided in Sections 9.2 (Improvements/Enhancements) and 9.3.2 (Unintended Consequences that affect only Customers), nothing in this Chapter 9 limits the positions that a Customer may advocate in a 7(i) Process regarding the PRDM. Nothing in Chapter 9 either 1) precludes any party to a BPA 7(i) Process, other than a Customer, from making any proposal or offering any testimony or other evidence on any matter that may otherwise be raised in a BPA 7(i) Process or 2) constrains any person or entity, including a Customer, from taking any position with BPA on any issue outside of a 7(i) Process.

### Core Provisions of the PRDM that May be Revised Only to Ensure Cost Recovery or Comply with Court Ruling

The provisions of the PRDM identified below cannot be revised except and unless the Administrator determines in accordance with the applicable procedures set forth in this Chapter 9 that BPA cannot otherwise timely recover its costs or that the change is necessary to effectively comply with a court ruling:

1) The Core Rate Design described in Chapter 4, consisting of the concept of three Tier 1 Energy Charges (Composite, Slice, and Non-Slice); the Tier 1 Marginal Energy True-Up; the Tier 1 Demand Charge; the Tier 1 Peak Load Variance Charge; and Tier 1 Credits, which include the RICc, RICm (including the RICm phase-out schedule established pursuant to Section 4.5.2), and RICj (including the RICm phase-out schedule established pursuant to Section 4.5.3).

2) The establishment of Tier 2 Rates, as set forth in Chapter 5.

3) Cost allocation principles set forth in Section 2.1.

### Actions Not Considered to be a Revision to the PRDM

Subject to Section 9.1.2 and the express terms of the PRDM, the Administrator reserves the discretion he or she otherwise possesses under law to establish, undertake, or otherwise address the following, including through implementation of the PRDM consistent with the terms thereof for those matters governed by the PRDM, in appropriate cases:

1) Calculation of actual rate levels.

2) Any rate issues or, as applicable, such components of rates issues that are identified in this PRDM as specifically reserved for determination in a future 7(i) Process. These include, but are not limited to:

a) Allocation of costs consistent with Sections 2.1, 2.2, and 2.3 and the Allocated Tiered Cost Table, Table 2-1

b) The determination whether a line item in the Composite Cost Pool is subject to true-up (*see* Chapter 2).

c) The addition of new Tier 2 cost pools (*see* Section 2.2).

d) Methods used to solve for Tier 1 and Tier 2 Rates (*see* Section 2.2.1)

e) Modifications to BPA’s Power Services Statement of Revenues and Expenses (*see* Section 2.2.2)

f) Allocations of New Expenses and New Credits (*see* Sections 2.3 and 2.8.4)

g) Proposals to reallocate portions of the Tier 1 Secondary Energy Credit to Composite Cost Pool (*see* Section 2.4)

h) Proposals for an alternative cost recovery mechanism (*see* Section 2.6)

i) True-up of rate revenue credits (*see* Section 2.8.2.2)

j) Revisions to MRNR treatment (*see* Section 2.8.2.3)

k) Expenses and revenue credits (*see* Section 2.8.4)

l) Resources considered Tier 1 System Resources and respective firm power (*see* Section 3.1)

m) Designated System Obligations and related issues (*see* Sections 3.2.2 and 3.2.3)

n) Forecasts of Rate Period Augmentation (*see* Section 3.3)

o) The determination whether forecast costs of augmentation are subject to the Slice True-Up (*see* Section 3.3.2).

p) Forecasts of Balancing Power Purchases and adjustments (*see* Section 3.4)

q) Updates to Table 3-3, 3-4, and 3-5 (*see* Section 3.5, 3.6, and 3.7)

r) Establishment of Tier 1 Energy Charges (*see* Section 4.1)

s) Establishment of Tier 1 Composite Energy Rates (*see* Section 4.1.2)

t) Establishment of Tier 1 Non-Slice Energy Rate (*see* Section 4.1.3)

u) Establishment of Tier 1 Slice Energy Rate (*see* Section 4.1.4)

v) Establishment of Tier 1 Marginal Energy True-Up Rate (*see* Section 4.2.3)

w) Adjustments to Marginal Capacity Resource and shape of monthly Tier 1 Demand Rates (*see* Section 4.3.4)

x) Establishment of Capacity Credits (*see* Section 4.3.6)

y) Capacity planning standards, PLVC Billing Determinants, and market-based energy rate (*see* Section 4.4)

z) RICc recalculations (*see* Section 4.5.1.1)

aa) Rates for New Publics (*see* Section 4.5.1.2)

ab) Recovery of conservation costs and rates for product and service switching (*see* Section 4.6)

ac) Sub-allocation of risk in Tier 1 Rates after September 30, 2041 (*see*Section 4.7)

ad) Forecast costs for Support Services (*see* Section 5.2.2)

ae) Determination of the Overhead Cost Adder to Tier 2 Cost Pools (*see*Section 5.2.3)

af) Calculations for remarketed energy (*see* Section 5.3.1)

ag) Tier 2 Long-Term Change Fee and Charge(*see* Section 5.4.1)

ah) Design, pricing, and application of the Support Services rates (*see* Chapter 6)

ai) FORS-based fee (*see* Section 6.2)

aj) Risk mitigation (consistent with Chapter 7)

ak) Rates for Unanticipated Load (*see* Section 8.1)

al) Applicability of Low Density Discount (*see* Section 8.2)

am) Irrigation Rate Discount (*see* Section 8.3)

an) PF Exchange Rate treatment (*see* Section 8.4)

ao) Application of Sections 7(b)(2) and 7(b)(3) of the Northwest Power Act (*see*Section 8.4.3)

3) PRDM Exhibits will be filled in and revised consistent with the terms of the PRDM.

4) Such other actions described in the PRDM that are to be determined in a Section 7(i) Process.

The actions described in this Section 9.1.3 do not constitute a “revision” to the PRDM.

## Improvements and Enhancements

### Criteria and Conditions for Improvements and Enhancements

Revisions to the PRDM not covered by Section 9.4 (Cost Recovery/Court Ruling), 9.1.2 (Core Provisions), or 9.3 (Unintended Consequences) and that are proposed by BPA or a Customer Group to improve and enhance the PRDM (Improvement Proposal) must be made consistent with this Section 9.2.

### Process for Improvements and Enhancements

BPA or a Customer Group may propose a revision to the PRDM as provided for in Section 9.2.1 only after complying with the requirements of this Section 9.2.2.

#### 9.2.2.1 Notice

Before BPA or a Customer Group proposes in a 7(i) Process an Improvement Proposal, BPA or the Customer Group will notify all Customers of the Improvement Proposal in advance of the 7(i) Process and the proponent’s reasons for: 1) why the Improvement Proposal will improve or enhance implementation of the PRDM in a way that will continue to effectuate its purposes but be more cost-effective and efficient, customer responsive, readily implementable, or capable of fulfilling the PRDM’s purposes, and 2) how the value of the Improvement Proposal outweighs any harm created by it. The notice will specify the date by which each Customer may express its support for the Improvement Proposal, and the means for registering its support.

#### 9.2.2.2 Customer Approval

BPA or the Customer Group may propose in a 7(i) Process the Improvement Proposal only if it is approved by Customers totaling both 1) at least 70 percent of Customers (utility count) and 2) at least 50 percent of the sum of the CHWMs, with both of the foregoing measured by the individual vote of each Customer. In determining the total, BPA shall count each abstention and absence of a vote as a vote that the Customer does not approve the Improvement Proposal.

In the event that the Customers approving the Improvement Proposal are less than the voting requirements of the preceding paragraph, then the Improvement Proposal will not be proposed in any 7(i) Process by BPA, the Customer Group, or any Customer until the voting requirements in this Section 9.2.2.2 above are satisfied.

In the event that the Customers approving the Improvement Proposal are equal to or more than the voting requirements of this Section 9.2.2.2, then BPA or the Customer Group may propose the Improvement Proposal in a 7(i) Process. The Improvement Proposal will be considered in the normal course through the 7(i) Process with a decision in the Administrator’s Record of Decision.

## Revisions for Unintended Consequences

### Criteria and Conditions for Revisions for Unintended Consequences

With the exception of PRDM changes that are constrained by Section 9.1.2 (Core Provisions) or implementation of the PRDM reserved by Section 9.1.3 (Expressly Not Revisions), BPA may, in accordance with the applicable procedures of this Chapter 9, propose revisions in the PRDM: 1) to address or avoid unintended consequences that put at risk the Principles and Goals underlying the PRDM as set forth in Section 1.1 of BPA’s Provider of Choice Policy, or 2) to accommodate BPA’s participation in a day-ahead market. However, nothing in this Section 9.3 constrains BPA’s ability to propose revisions in the PRDM to ensure cost recovery or comply with a Court ruling that also accommodate BPA’s participation in a day-ahead market; such proposals must comply with the requirements in Section 9.4.1.

### Process for Revisions for Unintended Consequences that *Do Not* Affect Others or General Policies

The procedures set forth in this Section 9.3.2 apply only to revisions to the PRDM as provided for in Section 9.3.1 that address or rectify unintended consequences of the PRDM that affect only Customers with CHWM Contracts, or that do not affect or affect only in a *de minimis* manner investor-owned utilities (IOU) or direct service industry (DSI) customers of BPA or BPA customers that are not eligible for or do not take service under CHWM Contracts (“Unintended Consequence Proposal”). Such procedures do not apply to, and an Unintended Consequence Proposal does not encompass, proposed revisions to the PRDM that are necessary to address or rectify unintended consequences of the PRDM that affect BPA programs or policies of general application (*e.g.*, the unintended consequence affects programmatic responsibilities such as fish and wildlife, conservation, or transmission).

BPA or a Customer Group may propose an Unintended Consequence Proposal in a 7(i) Process only after complying with the requirements of this Section 9.3.2.

#### 9.3.2.1 Notice

Before such an Unintended Consequence Proposal is introduced in a 7(i) Process by BPA or a Customer Group, BPA will notify all Customers in advance of the 7(i) Process of the Unintended Consequence Proposal and the proponent’s reasons for: 1) why the Unintended Consequence Proposal will address or rectify the unintended consequence that puts at risk the Principles and Goals underlying the PRDM as set forth in Section 1.1 of the Provider of Choice Policy, and 2) how the value of the Unintended Consequence Proposal outweighs any detriment created by it. The notice will specify the date by which each Customer may object to the Unintended Consequence Proposal and the means for registering its objection.

#### 9.3.2.2 Customer Objection

BPA or the Customer Group may propose in a 7(i) Process the Unintended Consequence Proposal unless it is objected to by Customers totaling both 1) at least 70 percent of Customers (utility count) and 2) at least 50 percent of the sum of the CHWMs, with both of the foregoing measured by the individual vote of each Customer. In determining the total, BPA shall count each abstention and absence of a vote as a vote that the Customer does not object to the proposed change.

In the event that the Customers objecting to the Unintended Consequence Proposal equal or exceed the voting requirements of the preceding paragraph, then BPA, the Customer Group, or any Customer shall not propose in any 7(i) Process the Unintended Consequence Proposal until the voting requirements of this Section 9.3.2 are satisfied.

In the event that the Customers objecting to the Unintended Consequence Proposal are less than the voting requirements of this Section 9.3.2, BPA or the Customer Group may propose in a 7(i) Process the Unintended Consequence Proposal. The Unintended Consequence Proposal will be considered in the normal course through the 7(i) Process with a decision in the Administrator’s Record of Decision.

### Process for Revisions for Unintended Consequences that *Do* Affect Others or General Programs or Policies

Any proposals to revise the PRDM to address unintended consequences that affect others or general programs or policies (*i.e.,* within the scope of Section 9.3.1, but not within the scope of Section 9.3.2), may be proposed and considered in the normal course through the 7(i) Process, with a decision in the Administrator’s Record of Decision.

#### 9.3.3.1 Notice

Before such a proposal is considered in a 7(i) Process by BPA or a Customer Group, BPA will notify all Customers of the proposal and the proponent’s reasons for: 1) why the proposal will address or rectify the unintended consequence that puts at risk the Principles and Goals underlying the PRDM as set forth in Section 1.1 of the Provider of Choice Policy and 2) how the value of the proposal outweighs any detriment created by it.

## Revisions to PRDM to Ensure Cost Recovery or Comply with Court Ruling

### Criteria and Conditions for Revisions for Cost Recovery or Court Ruling

BPA reserves the right to revise any part of this PRDM if the Administrator has determined in accordance with the applicable procedures set forth in Chapter 9 that: 1) BPA cannot timely and reasonably recover its costs without revising the PRDM; or 2) a revision to the PRDM is necessary to effectively comply with a court ruling. For purposes of this PRDM, reference to a court ruling will be deemed to include a ruling of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission that disapproves or remands a BPA rate based on the PRDM.

### Process for Revisions for Cost Recovery or Court Ruling

BPA will propose only those revisions under Sections 9.4.1 that are necessary to comply with a court ruling or ensure cost recovery (Recovery/Response Proposal) and will seek to limit both the number and scope of such revisions.

#### 9.4.2.1 Preliminary Procedures Specific to Revisions for Cost Recovery

Before proposing any revision to the PRDM to ensure timely cost recovery, to the extent practicable BPA will take the following steps:

1) BPA will make reasonable efforts to recover the costs from the party(s) that would otherwise be responsible for such costs. Such efforts may include making demand on any available credit support and pursuing legal action when appropriate.

2) BPA will make good faith efforts to reduce BPA power costs so as to offset the cost that would otherwise occasion the need for a change in the PRDM to ensure cost recovery.

3) If the cost recovery problem is occasioned by the design of the PRDM, BPA will convene a public meeting with Customers and interested parties to discuss alternatives to a revision of the PRDM.

4) After taking such steps, BPA will issue a report to Customers and interested parties regarding the efforts, including those listed (1-3) above, that the Administrator has taken before resorting to a revision to the PRDM, and why the set of safeguards BPA followed when entering identified transactions (*e.g.*, service at a Tier 2 Rate) was not sufficient to avoid the cost recovery problem.

These criteria, or disputes over whether the Administrator has satisfied them, do not override and will not be allowed to frustrate the Administrator’s responsibility to establish rates to recover costs and timely repay the U.S. Treasury.

#### 9.4.2.2 Customer Petition for Mini-Trial Disputing Response/Recovery Proposal

Customers that are party to a 7(i) Process may petition for a Mini-Trial alleging the Recovery/Response Proposal is not necessary to ensure cost recovery or respond to a court ruling, and/or that the Recovery/Response Proposal is unreasonably disproportionate to what is needed to comply with the court ruling or to ensure cost recovery, compared to the alternative proposal(s), if any, offered by the Customer(s).

A written petition so disputing the Response/Recovery Proposal may only be filed with the Hearing Officer within 20 Business Days after submission of BPA’s initial proposal in such 7(i) Process, or within 10 Business Days after an Administrator’s Mini-Trial decision under Section 9.6 (4(C)). The petition may be filed only if it is approved by Customers totaling both 1) at least 70 percent of such Customers (utility count), and 2) at least 50 percent of the sum of the CHWMs, with both of the foregoing measured by the individual vote of each Customer.

Upon receipt of such petition, the Hearing Officer shall expeditiously schedule, consistent with the rate case schedule and the procedural requirements of Section 9.6 (Mini-Trial), a Mini-Trial regarding whether BPA’s Response/Recovery Proposal is necessary to ensure cost recovery or respond to a court ruling as provided for in Section 9.4.1, and/or whether the Response/Recovery Proposal is unreasonably disproportionate to what is needed to comply with the court order or to ensure cost recovery, compared to the alternative proposal(s), if any, offered by the Customer(s).

If no such petition is timely filed, the Recovery/Response Proposal will be considered in the normal course through the 7(i) Process with a decision in the Administrator’s Record of Decision.

## Disputes Alleging Irreconcilable Conflict with the PRDM

### Criteria and Conditions for Determining an Irreconcilable Conflict Exists

An Irreconcilable Conflict exists only when:

1) The PRDM clearly and unambiguously requires or prohibits an action, and an action or inaction proposed by BPA (BPA Position) is contrary to such requirement or prohibition; or

2) The PRDM is silent, ambiguous, or leaves a gap regarding the matter in question, and the BPA Position cannot be reconciled with any reasonable interpretation of what the PRDM does provide for.

### Customer Petition for Mini-Trial Alleging Irreconcilable Conflict within a 7(i) Process

Customers that are party to a 7(i) Process may petition for a Mini-Trial alleging that a BPA Position in such 7(i) Process is in Irreconcilable Conflict with the PRDM.

A written petition so alleging may only be filed with the Hearing Officer within 20 Business Days after submission of BPA’s initial proposal in a 7(i) Process. The petition may be filed only if it is approved by Customers totaling both 1) at least 70 percent of such Customers (utility count) and 2) at least 50 percent of the sum of the CHWMs of all such Customers, with both of the foregoing measured by the individual vote of each Customer. Such petition must allege that 1) a BPA Position in the 7(i) Process is in Irreconcilable Conflict with the PRDM; 2) BPA has not sought to revise the PRDM to reconcile it with the BPA Position; and 3) such Customers oppose the BPA Position.

Upon receipt of such petition, the Hearing Officer shall expeditiously schedule, consistent with the rate case schedule and the procedural requirements of Section 9.6 (Mini-Trial), a Mini-Trial regarding whether the BPA Position is in Irreconcilable Conflict with the PRDM.

If no such petition is timely filed, the BPA Position will be considered in the normal course through the 7(i) Process with a decision in the Administrator’s Record of Decision.

### Customer Petition for Mini-Trial Alleging Irreconcilable Conflict Outside a 7(i) Process

Customers may petition for a Mini-Trial alleging that a BPA final action or inaction, other than the Administrator’s Record of Decision following a 7(i) Process, is in Irreconcilable Conflict with the PRDM.

A written petition so alleging may only be submitted to the Administrator within 20 Business Days after a BPA final action or inaction. The petition may be filed only if it is approved by Customers totaling both 1) at least 70 percent of such Customers (utility count) and 2) at least 50 percent of the sum of the CHWMs of all such Customers, with both of the foregoing measured by the individual vote of each Customer. Such petition must allege that 1) a BPA final action or inaction is in Irreconcilable Conflict with the PRDM; and 2) such Customers oppose the BPA final action or inaction.

Upon receipt of such petition, the Administrator shall expeditiously schedule, consistent the procedural requirements of Section 9.6 (Mini-Trial), a Mini-Trial regarding whether the BPA final action or inaction is in Irreconcilable Conflict with the PRDM.

## Mini-Trial Before the Administrator

If a Mini-Trial is scheduled pursuant to Section 9.4 (Cost Recovery/Court Ruling) or 9.5 (Irreconcilable Conflict), the following procedures will apply. A Mini-Trial pursuant to Section 9.4 (Cost Recovery/Court Ruling) or 9.5.2 (Irreconcilable Conflict Within 7(i) Process) will be a part of the 7(i) Process, and will be presided over by the Hearing Officer. A Mini-Trial Pursuant to 9.5.3 (Irreconcilable Conflict Outside 7(i) Process) will not be part of a 7(i) Process, and will be presided over by the Administrator. A Mini-Trial will consist of the following:

1) Parties shall file statements of position that summarize their arguments regarding the issue(s) in the underlying petition. Parties with like positions should attempt to consolidate their submissions.

2) Oral presentations, not to exceed two (2) days in total, will be scheduled before the Administrator, and such other BPA executives designated by the Administrator. The order of presentation will be: 1) the parties in opposition to the BPA Position, Recovery/Response Proposal, or BPA final action or inaction; 2) parties, if any, in support of the BPA Position, Recovery/Response Proposal, or BPA final action or inaction; and 3) rebuttal by parties in opposition. Parties’ presentations may consist of testimony, oral argument, or a combination of both. The Administrator may ask any questions or engage in any discussion with any of the participating parties that he or she deems appropriate.

3) Within 15 Business Days of the oral presentations, unless extended by the Administrator for good cause, the Administrator shall provide a written statement that BPA maintains, modifies, or withdraws the BPA Position or Recovery/Response Proposal; or whether the BPA final action or inaction is in Irreconcilable Conflict with the PRDM. The Administrator shall summarize the basis for his or her decision. In a Mini-Trial pursuant to 9.4 (Cost Recovery/Court Ruling) or 9.5.2 (Irreconcilable Conflict Within 7(i) Process), the Administrator retains the ability to reach a different final decision at the conclusion of the 7(i) Process in the Administrator’s Record of Decision.

4) In a Mini-Trial pursuant to 9.5.2 (Irreconcilable Conflict Within 7(i) Process), the Administrator may decide the BPA Position:

a) is not in Irreconcilable Conflict with the PRDM

b) is in Irreconcilable Conflict with the PRDM, but BPA is now proposing to revise the PRDM consistent with Section 9.3.3 (Unintended Consequence that affects others)

c) is in Irreconcilable Conflict with the PRDM, but BPA is now proposing to revise the PRDM consistent with Section 9.4 (Cost Recovery/Court Ruling).

d) is in Irreconcilable Conflict with the PRDM, and BPA is withdrawing the BPA Position or Recovery/Response Proposal.

The Customer petition opposing the BPA Position forecloses revisions under Section 9.2 (Improvement/Enhancement) and revisions under Section 9.3.2 (Unintended Consequences that do not affect others).

In the case of “b)” (above), the Administrator’s decision will be accompanied by the notice required in Section 9.3.3.

In the case of “c)” (above), the Administrator’s decision will, to the extent practicable, be accompanied by the report in Section 9.4.2.1.

Consistent with Section 9.4.2.2, Customers will have 10 Business Days following the Administrator’s decision to petition for a Mini-Trial regarding whether BPA’s Response/Recovery Proposal is necessary to ensure cost recovery or respond to a court ruling as provided for in Section 9.4.1, and/or whether the Response/Recovery Proposal is unreasonably disproportionate to what is needed to comply with the court order or to ensure cost recovery, compared to the alternative proposal(s), if any, offered by the Customer(s).

5) A Mini-Trial pursuant to 9.4 (Cost Recovery/Court Ruling) or 9.5.2 (Irreconcilable Conflict Within 7(i) Process) provides an opportunity for Customers to directly address the Administrator early in the 7(i) Process, but does not limit the positions BPA or parties may take during the 7(i) Process. The BPA Position, Recovery/Response Proposal, or Unintended Consequence Proposal resulting from the Mini-Trial will be considered in the normal course through the 7(i) Process with a decision in the Administrator’s Record of Decision.

6) In a Mini-Trial pursuant to 9.5.3 (Irreconcilable Conflict Outside 7(i) Process), if the Administrator determines the BPA final action or inaction is in Irreconcilable Conflict with the PRDM, BPA will take all necessary steps within its authority to revoke the BPA final action or inaction. BPA may seek to revise the PRDM using the procedures in this Chapter 9. In no event will the BPA final action or inaction, any decision made pursuant to this Section 9.6, or any action by BPA pursuant to such decision be construed to provide a basis for a claim of damages; liability for loss of profits; or special, incidental, or consequential damages.

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PRDM Definitions**

**“7(i) Process”** means a public process conducted by BPA, pursuant to Section 7(i) of the Northwest Power Act, 16 U.S.C. § 839e(i), or its successor, to establish rates for the sale of power and other products.

**“Above-CHWM Load”** means the forecasted portion of a customer’s Preliminary Net Requirement that is in excess of the customer’s CHWM, if any, as determined in the Above-CHWM Load Process.

**“Above-CHWM Load Process”** means the public process conducted during each Forecast Year, in which BPA will calculate the following values for the upcoming Rate Period:  1) each customer’s Preliminary Net Requirement; 2) adjusted CHWMs; and 3) each customer’s Above-CHWM Load.

**“Actual Annual Net Load”** means a customer’s measured annual Total Retail Load less Existing Resources, Specified Resources added to the Tier 1 Allowance Amount, the annual measured energy amount of NLSLs, Consumer-Owned Resources serving On-site Consumer Load, and Above-CHWM Load. This is used for calculating the Marginal True-Up Charge for Block and Slice products, as described in Section 4.2.2.

**“Additional Adjustment for Very Low-Densities”** meansan additional discount amount added to an eligible customer’s Low Density Discount to account for the customer’s very low system density.

**“Agreed-Upon Procedures”** means services that fall under the category of miscellaneous financial services provided to BPA by an external auditor that are covered contractually between BPA and an external auditor.

**“All Other Resource Acquisitions”** meansthe portion of BPA’s resource acquisitions made for any purpose that is not a Tier 1 System Resource, Balancing Power Purchase, a Tier 1 Non-Slice Capacity Acquisition, or a Tier 2 Acquisition, as listed in Table 3-5.

**“Allocated Tiered Cost Table”** means the table that sets forth the expenses and revenue credits allocated to Publics with CHWM Contracts in the Cost Pools that result from application of the Cost Allocation Method.

**“Average Megawatts” or** “**aMW**” means the amount of electric energy in megawatt‑hours (MWh) during a specified period of time, divided by the number of hours in that period.

**“Balancing Authority”** means the responsible entity that integrates resource plans ahead of time, maintains demand and resource balance within a Balancing Authority Area, and supports interconnection frequency in real time.

**“Balancing Authority Area”** means the collection of generation, transmission, and loads within the metered boundaries of the Balancing Authority. The Balancing Authority maintains load-resource balance within this area.

**“Balancing Power Purchases”** means a power purchases or resource acquisitions forecast by BPA in a 7(i) Process to be made by BPA for any portion of the upcoming Rate Period during which BPA’s resource capability is insufficient to meet BPA’s obligations for that period.

**“Billing Determinant”** means the measurement of a product or service to which a particular rate will be applied to define a particular charge or credit that BPA will bill to a customer, as established and defined in this PRDM.

**“Block or Block Product”** means a planned amount of Firm Requirements Power sold to a customer to meet a portion of its regional consumer load pursuant to BPA’s power product defined in the Block purchase obligation and Slice/Block purchase obligation under the CHWM Contracts, including but not limited to stand-alone Block, shaped Block, Block with shaping capacity, and the Block portion of Slice/Block in this PRDM, unless specified otherwise.

**“Bonneville Fund”** means a continuing appropriation established by 16 U.S.C. § 838i(a) that is available to meet all of BPA’s cash obligations. BPA’s cash from all sources are deposited in and all BPA expenditures are made from a financial account held within the U.S. Treasury.

**Business Day(s):** every Monday through Friday, except federal holidays.

**“Contract High Water Mark”** **or** **“CHWM”** means the amount of Firm Requirements Power (expressed in annual Average Megawatts) that a customer is eligible to access at Tier 1 Rates.  The amount of Firm Requirements Power a customer purchases at Tier 1 Rates is limited to the lesser of its CHWM or its Net Requirement.

**“Contract High Water Mark Contract” or “CHWM Contract**” means the power sales agreement between a customer and BPA that contains a Contract High Water Mark (CHWM), and under which the customer purchases power from BPA at rates established by BPA in accordance with the PRDM.

**“CHWM Modeled Augmentation**” means a PRDM construct of a flat annual block of power used to establish the simulated Slice capability and equitably allocate costs between Slice and Non-Slice Cost Pools.

**“CHWM System”** means the annual Tier 1 Firm System Output, reduced for annual Designated System Obligations plus annual CHWM Modeled Augmentation as determined in each 7(i) Process.

**“Composite Cost Pool”** means the Tier 1 Cost Pool to which expenses and revenue credits are to be allocated in accordance with Sections 2.1 and 2.2.1.1, and which are set out in Table 2-1, Section A.

**“Consumer-Owned Resource”** shall have the meaning as defined in the CHWM Contract.

**“Core Rate Design”** meansthe charges and credits as described in Sections 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, and 4.4 and the three Rate Impact Credits, RICc, RICm, and RICj.

**“Cost Allocation Method”** meansthe ratemaking step of assigning expenses and revenue credits to Cost Pools in the process of developing rates for BPA products and services in accordance with the PRDM.

**“Cost Pool**” means a grouping of costs and credits allocated to a specific product, service, or customer type.

**“Cost Recovery Adjustment Charge (CRAC)”** meansa risk mitigation tool that adjusts rates pursuant to criteria determined by BPA in a 7(i) Process.

**“Cost Review Public Process”** means a public process that allows customers and interested parties to review and obtain financial information from BPA, see Section 2.9.

**“Cost Verification Process”** means a public process that permits customers and interested parties to review the Slice True-Up, see Section 2.8.5.

**“Customer**” meaning as described in Chapter 9 definition.

**“Customer Group”** meaning as described in Chapter 9 definition.

**“Dedicated Resource”** shall have the meaning as defined in the CHWM Contracts.

**“Designated System Obligations**” means the set of obligations specified in Table 3-2 that: 1) are directly assigned to the generation output or capability of the Tier 1 System Resources; or 2) are incurred because of contracts, operational obligations, memorandums of agreement, treaties, statutes, regulations, court orders, or executive orders, individually or in combination, that create a firm obligation for the Tier 1 System Resources. Designated System Obligations also includes the portion of BPA’s ancillary and control area service obligations that are provided from the Tier 1 System Resources.

**“Direct-Service Industrial Customers (DSIs)”** means the customers specified in Section 3(8) of the Northwest Power Act, 16 U.S.C. § 839a(8).

**“Dispatchable Resource”** means a Specified Resource from which generation amounts can be intentionally increased or decreased by the resource owner or operator, and which has capacity capability greater than the energy capability as defined in the CHWM Contract.

**“Diurnal”** means the division of hours within a month between Heavy Load Hours (HLH) and Light Load Hours (LLH).

**“Existing Capacity Credit**” means a capacity credit applied when a Load Following Customer has a Dedicated Resource that is an Existing Resource and that has a capacity obligation greater than its monthly Exhibit A amount, as described in Section 4.3.6.1.

**“Existing Public**” means that, within the PRDM for purposes of annexation considerations for the RICc and RICm, Existing Public is defined in ordinal relation to a new Public.

**“Existing Resource”** shall have the meaning as defined in the CHWM Contract.

**“Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS)”** meansthe integrated power system that includes, but is not limited to, the transmission system constructed and operated by BPA and the hydroelectric dams in the Pacific Northwest constructed and operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation.

**“Firm Slice Amount”** means a customer’s Slice Percentage multiplied by the CHWM System.

**“Fiscal Year (FY)”** means the period beginning each October 1 and ending the following September 30.

**“Forced Outage Reserve Service (FORS)”** means a service that provides an agreed-to amount of capacity and energy during forced outages and other specific events of a qualifying resource as defined in the CHWM Contract.

**“Forecast Annual Net Load”** means a customer’s forecast annual Total Retail Load less Existing Resources, Specified Resources added to the Tier 1 Allowance Amount, Consumer-Owned Resources serving On-site Consumer Load, NLSLs, and Above-CHWM Load.This is used for calculating the Marginal True-Up Charge for Block and Slice products, as described in Section 4.2.2.

**“Forecast Firm Inventory”** means aforecast quantity of firm power that remains after all obligations are met, except obligations served at a Tier 2 Rate as determined in each 7(i) Process. Forecast Firm Inventory is used solely for determining the Long-Term Tier 2 Rate, as described in Section 5.1.

**“Federal Base System (FBS)”** meaning as set forth in Section 3(10) of the Northwest Power Act, 16 U.S.C. § 839a(10).

**“Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS)”** means the integrated power system that includes, but is not limited to, the transmission system constructed and operated by BPA and the hydroelectric dams in the Pacific Northwest constructed and operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation.

**“Firm Power and Surplus (FPS)”** means the Firm Power and Surplus Products and Service Rate Schedule, or its successor, as established in a Section 7(i) Process.

**“Firm Slice Amount**” means a customer’s Slice Percentage multiplied by the CHWM System.

**“Firm Surplus”** means the amount of Forecast Firm Inventory remaining after all of BPA’s power obligations are met as calculated in a 7(i) Process.

**“Forced Outage Reserve Service (FORS)**” means a service that provides an agreed-to amount of capacity and energy to load during the forced outages and other contractually defined events of a qualifying resource.

**“General Rate Schedule Provisions (GRSPs)**” means BPA’s published rate schedule as determined in each 7(i) Process.

**“Heavy Load Hour (HLH)**” means hours ending 0700 through 2200 hours Pacific Prevailing Time (PPT), Monday through Saturday, excluding holidays as designated by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC). BPA may update this definition as necessary to conform to standards of the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC), North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB), or NERC.

**“Improvement Proposal”** meaning as described in Section 9.2.

**“Industrial Firm Power (IP)**” means the rate for firm power sold to a DSI Customer pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Northwest Power Act, 16 U.S.C. § 839e(c).

**“Investor-Owned Utility (IOU)**: means a privately owned or publicly traded utility organized under state law as a for-profit corporation to provide electric power service.

**“Irreconcilable Conflict”** meaning as described in Section 9.5.

**“Irrigation Rate Discount (IRD)”** means a rate discount provided to a qualifying customer with an eligible irrigation load.

**“Joint Operating Entity (JOE)**” means an entity that meets the requirements of Section 5(b)(7) of Northwest Power Act, 16 U.S.C. § 839c(b)(7).

**“Light Load Hours (LLH)**” means: 1) hours ending 0100 through 0600 and 2300 through 2400 hours PPT, Monday through Saturday, and 2) all hours on Sundays and holidays as designated by NERC. BPA may update this definition as necessary to conform to standards of the WECC, NAESB, or NERC.

**“Load Following Customer**” means a customer purchasing the Load Following Product.

**“Load Following Product**” means an amount of Firm Requirements Power sold to a customer to meet its Net Requirement pursuant to BPA’s power product defined in the Load Following purchase obligation under the CHWM Contracts.

**“Low Density Discount (LDD)”** means the discount authorized by Section 7(d)(1) of the Northwest Power Act, 16 U.S.C. § 839e(d)(1).

**“Marginal Capacity Resource”** means a long-run capacity resource determined in each 7(i) Process for purposes of setting the Demand Rate, as described in Section 4.3.4.

**“Minimum Required Net Revenue (MRNR)”** means a component of the BPA revenue requirement added in a year when rates sufficient to recover accrued expenses would not generate sufficient cash flow to cover cash obligations.

**“Mini-Trial**” meaning as described in Section 9.6 definition.

**“Net Requirement**” means the amount of electric power that a customer may purchase from BPA to serve its Total Retail Load, minus amounts of its Dedicated Resources shown in Exhibit A, as determined consistent with Section 5(b)(1) of the Northwest Power Act.

**“New Credit**” means an amount of revenue credited to the applicable Cost Pool but for which no credit category exists in Table 2.

**“New Expense**” means an expense allocable to the applicable Cost Pool but for which no expense category exists in Table 2.

**“New Large Single Load (NLSL)”** meaning as specified in Section 3(13) of the Northwest Power Act and in BPA’s NLSL policy.

**“New Public**” means a Public that is not an Existing Public.

**“Non-Dispatchable Resource”** meaning as defined in CHWM Contract.

**“Non-Federal Resource”** means a generating facility or other source of electric power or capability not obtained from BPA.

**“Non-Slice”** means Load Following and Block

“**Non-Slice Cost Pool**” means the Tier 1 Cost Pool to which expenses and revenue credits are to be allocated by BPA in accordance with Sections 2.1 and 2.2.1.3, and which are set out on Table 2, Section D. The Non-Slice Cost Pool is the basis for the Non-Slice Customer Rate.

**“Northwest Power Act**” means the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act, 16 U.S.C. § 839, Public Law No. 96-501, as amended.

**“Notice” or “Notify” or “Notification”** means communications posted electronically.

**“New Capacity Credit**” means a capacity credit applicable to customers that provide BPA access to capacity not otherwise committed to the customer’s load which, as determined solely by BPA, either: 1) reduces the Administrator’s capacity obligations; or 2) can be used by BPA to help meet the Administrator’s capacity obligations, as described in Section 4.3.6.2.

**“New Resource Rate (NR)”** means the rate for requirements firm power sold to an investor-owned utility (IOU) or Public customer pursuant to Section 7(f) of the Northwest Power Act, 16 U.S.C. § 839e(c).

**“On-Site Consumer Load”** shall have the meaning as defined in the CHWM Contract.

**“Overhead Cost Adder”** means a uniform scalar, set by BPA in each 7(i) Process in accordance with Section 5.2.3, that is designed to compensate the Composite Cost Pool for the general and administrative (overhead) costs associated with BPA’s provision of power at Tier 2 Rates.

**“Peak Net Requirement”** means a forecast monthly peak load (at 50 percent peak probability) less Dedicated Resource peak amounts as stated in applicable customers’ Exhibit A of the CHWM Contract.

**“PF Exchange Rate”** means a rate established pursuant to section 7(b) of the Northwest Power Act that is applicable to customers participating in the Residential Exchange Program set forth in section 5(c) of the Act.

**“Planned Net Revenues for Risk (PNRR)”** means a risk-mitigation tool defined in BPA’s Financial Reserves Policy.

**“Power Services”** means the organization, or its successor organization, within BPA that is responsible for the management and sale of BPA provided electric power.

**“Power Services Statement of Revenues and Expenses”** means the financial report of the results of Power Services activities for the reporting period, including depreciation expense and interest.  This is also known as the income statement.

**“Preliminary Net Requirement”** means the forecasted portion of a customer’s annual Net Requirement that BPA uses to calculate the customer’s Above-CHWM Load for each Fiscal Year. Preliminary Net Requirement is determined as the forecasted annual Total Retail Load less Existing Resources, NLSLs, Specified Resources added to Tier 1 Allowance Amount, and Consumer-Owned Resources serving On-Site Consumer Load, as determined in the Above-CHWM Load Process.

**“Priority Firm Power (PF)”** meansPRDM’s reference to the Section 7(b) rate, as described in the Northwest Power Act.

**“****Public” or “Public Customer”** means a public body or cooperative utility or federal agency eligible to purchase requirements power from BPA pursuant to Section 5(b) of the Northwest Power Act.

**“Public Rate Design Methodology (PRDM)”** means the methodology describing the manner in which BPA will collect a portion of its revenue requirement from Public customers with a CHWM Contract through a combination of charges, credits, fees, and discounts, as well as the terms and conditions related to any potential changes to the methodology.

**“Rate Impact Credit, Capacity (RICc)”** meansa dollar credit used to allocate the cost-based value of FCRPS, as described in Section 4.5.1.

**“Rate Impact Credit, JOE (RICj)”** meansa dollar credit specific to the JOE to allow a gradual transition from BPA’s TRM to the PRDM, as described in Section 4.5.3.

**“Rate Impact Credit, Mitigation (RICm)”** means a dollar credit to allow a gradual transition from BPA’s TRM to the PRDM, as described in Section 4.5.2.

**“Rate Period**” means the period of time during which a specific set of rates established by BPA pursuant to this PRDM will remain in effect, as defined in Section 1.1.

**“Rate Period Augmentation**” means the forecast average annual amount of power necessary to achieve load and resource balance after considering all of BPA’s resources (see Tables 3-1, 3-3, 3-4, and 3-5) and obligations (*e.g.*, Designated System Obligations, power needed to serve loads under Section 5 of the Northwest Power Act).

**“Request for Offer (RFO)”** means the method used by BPA to solicit bids or proposals from suppliers of power (energy, capacity, or both).

**“Resource Support Services (RSS)”** means a suite of services BPA Power Services provides to integrate federal and non-federal resources defined in the CHWM Contract and priced in each 7(i) Process consistent with Section 6.

**“Revenue Requirement Table”** means the table setting forth all BPA expenses and revenue credits that BPA will use when implementing the Cost Allocation Method. The line items on the Revenue Requirement Table are similar to those in the Allocated Tiered Cost Table, but without the Cost Pool distinctions.

**“Slice Contract”** means a contract and all other agreements with Slice Customers that provide for the sale of the Slice/Block Product.

**“Slice Cost Pool”** means the Tier 1 Cost Pool to which costs and credits are to be allocated by BPA that are specifically and uniquely attributable to the Slice Product.

**“Slice Customer”** means a customer that is purchasing the Slice Product pursuant to the Slice/Block CHWM Contract.

**“Slice Percentage**” means the percentage used to determine the amount of the Slice Product a customer purchases, pursuant to its CHWM Contract.

**“Slice Product**” means the power product defined in the CHWM Contract with the Slice/Block purchase obligation.

**“Slice True-Up Charge”** means the sum of the Slice True-Up Composite Cost Pool Charge and the Slice True-Up Slice Cost Pool Charge, as described in Section 2.8.5.

**“Slice True-Up Composite Cost Pool Billing Determinant**” means a quantity expressed in kilowatthours that is multiplied by the Composite Cost Pool Slice True-Up Rate, which determines the Composite Cost Pool True-Up Charge, as described in Section 2.8.

**“Slice True-Up Composite Cost Pool Rate”** means a rate expressed in mills per kilowatthour that are multiplied by the Composite Cost Pool Slice True-Up Billing Determinant to establish the Composite Cost Pool Slice True-Up Charges, as described in Section 2.8.

**“Slice True-Up Slice Cost Pool Charge**” means a charge that accounts for differences between forecast and actual Slice Cost Pool line items, as described in Section 2.8.3.

**“Specified Resources”** shall have the meaning as defined in the CHWM Contract.

**“Support Services (SS)”** means a suite of services BPA Power Services provides to customers as defined in the CHWM Contract and priced in each 7(i) Process consistent with Section 6.

**“Tier 1 Actual Hourly Load**” means the actual amount of a customer’s electric load (measured in kilowatthours) that is recorded on the appropriate metering equipment, adjusted as specified in the applicable agreement, and that was served at Tier 1 Rates during the relevant hour. Generally, for Load Following customers, the Tier 1 Actual Hourly Load is the customer’s Total Retail Load in each hour, less 1) the applicable Dedicated Resource amounts (excluding New and Existing Capacity Credit amounts) serving the customer’s TRL in that hour; 2) power purchased at the NR Rate in that hour; 3) Consumer-Owned Resources serving On-site Consumer Load; and 4) power purchased at Tier 2 Rates in that hour. For the Block Product, the Tier 1 Actual Hourly Load is equal to the contractually established Block amount for each hour. The monthly maximum Actual Tier 1 Load for the Block Product is equal to the monthly maximum contractually established Block amount plus any contractually defined shaping capacity amount.

“**Tier 1 Allowance Amount”** shall have the meaning as defined in the CHWM Contract.

**“Tier 1 Costs”** means the expenses identified on Table 2 that are allocated to any Tier 1 Cost Pool. Table 2 specifies to which Tier 1 Cost Pool each Tier 1 Cost is to be allocated.

**“Tier 1 Cost Pools”** means the three Cost Pools to which BPA allocates Tier 1 Costs. The Tier 1 Cost Pools are the Composite Cost Pool, the Slice Cost Pool, and the Non-Slice Cost Pool.

**“Tier 1 Credits”** means the credits identified on Table 2 that are allocated to any Tier 1 Cost Pool. Table 2 specifies to which Tier 1 Cost Pool each Tier 1 Credit is to be allocated.

**“Tier 1 Demand Charge**” means the product of the Demand Charge Billing Determinant and the Demand Rate, as described in Section 4.3.

**“Tier 1 Demand Charge Billing Determinant”** meansthe measurement of capacity use associated with customer load served by the Load Following and Block Products, expressed in kilowatts per month, to which the demand rate will be applied, resulting in a Demand Charge billed by BPA, as described in Section 4.3.1.

**“Tier 1 Demand Rate**” means a rate expressed in mills per kilowatt per month applied to the Demand Charge Billing Determinant, resulting in a Demand Charge billed by BPA, as described in Section 4.3.4.

**“Tier 1 Demand Rate Adjustment Cap**” means a monthly limit on upward changes to the Demand Rate between Rate Periods, as described in Section 4.3.5.

**“Tier 1 Energy Charges”** means charges described in Section 4.1, determined in each 7(i) Process, and calculated by multiplying Tier 1 Energy Rates by Tier 1 Energy Charge Billing Determinants.

**“Tier 1 Energy Charge Billing Determinants**” means the quantity of Tier 1 energy, as described in Section 4.1.1

**“Tier 1 Composite Energy Rate**” means a rate that recovers the costs and credits allocated to the Composite Cost Pool, expressed in mills per kilowatthour, as described in Section 4.1.

**“Tier 1 Load”** means power sold at the Tier 1 Rate.

**“Tier 1 Customer System Peak (CSP)**” means a customer’s maximum Actual Hourly Tier 1 Load (in kilowatts) in a month.

**“Tier 1 Firm System Output**” means the firm output of the Tier 1 System Resources adjusted for non-power constraints and not reduced for Designated System Obligations.

**“Tier 1 Marginal Energy True-Up (METU)”** means an end-of-fiscal-year process that evaluates the difference between forecast and actual energy usage and aligns that difference with appropriate Tier 1 and market-based pricing levels, as described in Section 4.2

**“Tier 1 Marginal Energy True-Up Charge”** means an annual charge or a credit that accounts for differences between forecast and actual energy, as described in Section 4.2.

**“Tier 1 Marginal Energy True-Up Billing Determinant”** means the measurement of energy expressed in kilowatthours to which the Marginal Energy True-Up Rate will be applied, resulting in a Marginal Energy True-Up Charge or Credit billed by BPA, as described in Section 4.2.1

**“Tier 1 Marginal Energy True-Up Rate”** means a rate expressed in mills per kilowatthour applied to the Marginal Energy True-Up Billing Determinant resulting in a Marginal Energy True-Up Charge or Credit billed by BPA, as described in Section 4.2.3.

**“Tier 1 Non-Slice Capacity Acquisitions**” means the portion of BPA’s capacity resource acquisition made exclusively for meeting its Tier 1 Non-Slice load obligations.

**“Tier 1 Non-Slice Rate**” means the energy rate that recovers costs and credits allocated to the Non-Slice Cost Pool, as described in Section 4.1.3.

**“Tier 1 Peak Load Variance Charge (PLVC)**” means a charge, or charges, for a PLVS, to be determined in each 7(i) Process in accordance with Section 4.4.

**“Tier 1 Peak Load Variance Service (PLVS)”** means a resource-capacity planning-based service for instances when planned load exceeds expected load forecast values.

**“Tier 1 Rate**” means the rates and charges in BPA’s Wholesale Power Rate Schedules, established in accordance with the PRDM Chapter 4, as applicable, and its GRSPs (or their successors) established during a 7(i) Process.

**“Tier 1 Secondary Energy**” means the amount of electric energy BPA forecasts in a 7(i) Process that will be produced by the Tier 1 System Resources in excess of the Tier 1 Firm System Output.

**“Tier 1 Secondary Energy Credit**” means the revenue credit allocated to the Non-Slice Cost Pool from the disposition of Tier 1 Secondary Energy, as forecast in a 7(i) Process.

**“Tier 1 Slice Energy Charge”** means the product of a customer’s Firm Slice Amount and the Slice Tier 1 Energy Rate, as described in Section 4.1.

**“Tier 1 Slice Energy Rate”** means rates expressed in mills per kilowatthour applied to the Slice Energy Billing Determinant, resulting in a Slice Tier 1 Charge billed by BPA, as described in Section 4.1.4

“**Tier 1 System Resources”** means the resources listed in Table 3-1, as updated for any new resources, including market purchases, that BPA determines are needed to meet its CHWM obligations.

**“Tier 2 Costs”** means the costs and credits that BPA will identify in Table 2 and allocate to the appropriate Tier 2 Cost Pool during the applicable 7(i) Process.

**“Tier 2 Cost Pools**” means the cost pools comprised of costs and revenues attributable to each Tier 2 Rate Alternative.

**“Tier 2 Load”** means power sold at the Tier 2 Rate.

**“Tier 2 Long-Term Alternative”** meansa contractual option a customer elects for serving its Above-CHWM Load at the Tier 2 Long-Term Rate, as described in the CHWM Contract.

**“Tier 2 Long-Term Change Charge”** means acharge associated with a customer’s election to change its Tier 2 Long-Term Alternative election as established in each 7(i) Process, as described in Section 5.4.1.

**“Tier 2 Long-Term Change Fee”** means a fee associated with a customer’s election to change its Tier 2 Long-Term Alternative election as established in each 7(i) Process, as described in Section 5.4.1.

**“Tier 2 Long-Term Cost Pool”** means expressed in mills per kilowatthours, which are multiplied by the Tier 2 Billing Determinant to determine the Tier 2 Charge, as described in Sections 5.1 and 5.2 and established in each 7(i) Process.

**“Tier 2 Long-Term Path”** means a contractual option a customer elects for serving, all or a partial amount, of its Above-CHWM Load with power priced at the Tier 2 Long Term Rate as described in the CHWM Contract.

**“Tier 2 Long-Term Rate”** means rate or rates aimed at recovering only the costs of the Tier 2 Long-Term Cost Pool, expressed in mills per kilowatthours, which are multiplied by the Tier 2 Billing Determinant to determine the Tier 2 Charge, as described in Sections 5.1 and 6 5.2 and established in each 7(i) Process

**“Tier 2 Flexible Above-CHWM Path”** means a customer election to serve Above CHWM Load with 1) Firm Requirements Power at the Tier 2 Short Term Rate, 2) Firm Requirement Power at a Tier 2 Vintage Rate, if applicable, 3) Dedicated Resources, or 4) a combination of amounts of 1), 2) and 3). as stated in the CHWM Contract.

**“Tier 2 Rate”** means the rates and charges in BPA’s Wholesale Power Rate Schedules, established in accordance with the PRDM Chapter 5, as applicable, and its GRSPs (or their successors) established during a 7(i) Process.

**“Tier 2 Rate Alternative”** means either a Tier 2 Short-Term Rate, a Tier 2 Long-Term Rate or a Tier 2 Vintage Rate at which customers may elect to purchase Firm Requirements Power as described in the CHWM Contract.

**“Tier 2 Short-Term Alternative”** meansa contractual option a customer elects for serving its Above-CHWM Load at the Tier 2 Short-Term Rate, as described in the CHWM Contract.

**“Tier 2 Short-Term Rate”** means a rate or rates aimed at recovering only the costs of the Tier 2 Short-Term Cost Pool which are multiplied by the Tier 2 Billing Determinant to determine the Tier 2 Charge, as described in Sections 5.1 and 5.2 and established in each 7(i) Process.

**“Tier 2 Vintage Alternative”** meansa contractual option a customer elects for serving its Above-CHWM Load at a Tier 2 Vintage Rate.

**“Tier 2 Vintage Rate”** means a rate or rates aimed at recovering only the costs of the Tier 2 Vintage Alternative Cost Pool, which are multiplied by the Tier 2 Billing Determinant to determine the Tier 2 Charge, as described in Sections 5.1 and 5.2 and established in each 7(i) Process.

**“Tiered Rate Methodology (TRM)**” means BPA’s rate methodology applicable from October 1, 2012, through September 30, 2028.

**“Total Retail Load (TRL)”** means all retail electric power consumption, including electric system losses, within a customer’s electrical system, excluding:

1. those loads BPA and the customer have agreed are non-firm or interruptible loads
2. loads of other utilities served by such customer
3. any loads not on such customer’s electrical system or not within such customer’s service territory, unless specifically agreed to by BPA

**“Transmission Services”** means the organization, or its successor organization, within BPA that is responsible for the management and sale of transmission service on the Federal Columbia River Transmission System.

**“Unanticipated Load”** means aload that BPA is obligated to serve under the Northwest Power Act, but for which BPA has not had notice to serve as required by the CHWM Contract or General Rate Schedule Provisions (GRSP) in order for a customer to receive service at Tier 1 Rate or Tier 2 Rate.

**“Unanticipated Load Service Rate (ULS)”** means a rate applied to Unanticipated Load.

**“Unauthorized Increase (UAI)”** means a charge applied to a customer taking more power from BPA than it is contractually entitled to take.

**“Unused CHWM”** means the difference between a customer’s CHWM amount and the amount of power the customer is allowed to purchase at a Tier 1 Rate for a given rate period.

**“Variable Energy Resource**” means a Specified Resource where the energy output cannot be intentionally shifted between time periods or days, and which has capacity capability less than the energy capability as defined in CHWM Contract.

**“Vintage Resource”** means the output of a physical resource that BPA determines, in its sole discretion, to acquire for a period of greater than three years that forms the cost basis for pricing Firm Requirements Power subject to an established Tier 2 Vintage Rate.

# Appendix B Cost Verification Process for the Slice True-Up Adjustment Charge

1. Slice True-Up Adjustment Charge and Agreed-Upon Procedures

a) Upon completion of the BPA annual audit, BPA will calculate the Slice True-Up Adjustment Charge for the Fiscal Year just concluded, consistent with the requirements of Section 2.7 of the PRDM and the Allocated Tiered Cost Table (Table 2-1 of the PRDM) as established in the applicable 7(i) Process. BPA will provide notification to the Slice customers of the Slice True-Up Adjustment Charge applicable to all Slice customers.

b) After such notification, BPA will post for review by customers the PRDM Cost Allocation Tables (i.e., Composite, Non-Slice, and Slice Cost Pools) reflecting the actual expenses and revenue credits from the Fiscal Year just concluded. The Slice True-Up Adjustment Charge applicable to each Slice customer will not be posted. Following the posting of the Cost Allocation Tables, BPA will allow 15 Business Days for the identification by any customer of any Slice True-Up Adjustment issue for consideration by BPA for inclusion in the Agreed-Upon Procedures (AUPs). AUPs are defined as services falling under the category of miscellaneous financial services provided to BPA by an external auditor, which are covered contractually between BPA and an external auditor.

c) After the identification of such issues, BPA will draft the tasks to be included in the AUPs to address such issues. The proposed tasks will be posted for all customers to review together with a deadline (not to exceed 10 Business Days from the date of the posting) for requests to include additional tasks. Customers will have an opportunity to consult with BPA regarding the specific tasks for inclusion in the AUPs and to request the inclusion of tasks additional to the proposed tasks posted by BPA. BPA will finalize the AUPs, which will include all proposed tasks included in BPA’s initial posting and any additional tasks requested by customers. However, BPA may exclude any requested additional task that BPA reasonably determines: 1) is without merit; 2) would be immaterial to the calculation of the Slice True-Up Adjustment; 3) is a matter outside the scope of the Slice True-Up calculations as provided in Section 1a; or 4) challenges an allocation between Slice and non-Slice customers previously determined in a 7(i) Process. BPA will decide whether the AUPs will be performed by BPA’s auditor or an external auditor selected by BPA.

d) The AUPs will describe the specific tasks to be performed, the deliverables expected, and the timeframe the auditor will have to complete the specific tasks. The AUPs are procedures for the performance of specific tasks that the auditor agrees to perform and that specify the depth and scope of the work to be performed. The AUPs are not subject to, and do not give rise to, audit standards, responsibilities, or liabilities, and the auditor will not express an audit opinion on the specific tasks performed under the AUPs. For the Slice True-Up Adjustment, the scope of work will be constrained to verify that BPA’s Slice True-Up Adjustment contains only those expenses or revenue credits permitted to be included in—and does not contain any expenses or revenue credits that should be excluded from—the Slice Rate pursuant to the PRDM and the applicable Cost Allocation Table established in the applicable 7(i) Process. BPA and the auditor will determine the means used to perform the scope of work in the AUPs to minimize the workload of such AUPs. BPA’s accounting policies and standards, management decisions, and other policies are not subject to review and question.

2. Cost Verification for Slice True-Up

a) The cost verification for Slice True-Up will commence after 1) completion of BPA’s annual audit; 2) Slice customers are notified of the Slice True-Up Adjustment Charge; 3) all customers have been provided the opportunity to review the Cost Allocation Tables with Fiscal Year actual amounts listed in the applicable expense and revenue credit categories;(4) all customers have had an opportunity to address Slice True-Up Adjustment issues for consideration by BPA to be included in the AUPs and an opportunity to review the draft list of AUP tasks; 5) the auditor has completed all of the finalized tasks and provided to BPA the results of the AUPs; and 6) BPA has released the AUP results to all customers.

b) The auditor will have approximately 120 calendar days after the date Slice customers receive their notification of the Slice True-Up Adjustment Charge for a Fiscal Year to complete the finalized tasks in the AUPs and provide the results to BPA.

3. Cost Verification Workshops

a) The cost verification workshops will be publicly noticed and open to all customers and interested parties. The first workshop will include BPA presentations on and its review of the calculation of the Slice True-Up Adjustment and the results of the AUPs. At this workshop, customers will review the materials presented and may pose questions.

b) BPA will establish a 15 Business Day comment period during which customers and interested parties may submit written comments on the AUP results and the issues that were raised during the initial workshop related to the Slice True-Up Adjustment.

c) Promptly following the close of the comment period pursuant to Section 3b, BPA will hold at least one follow-up workshop to address all issues raised during the initial workshop and the comment period. Upon customer request, if agreed to by BPA, and if provided for in the retention agreement between BPA and the auditor, BPA will request that the auditor who performed the AUPs attend the follow-up workshop and provide clarification to questions raised related to the AUP results.

4. BPA’s Draft Response, Third-Party Review Process, and BPA’s Final Response

a) BPA will issue within 15 Business Days of the close of the last follow-up workshop a Draft Response addressing any submitted written comments on the AUP results and issues raised in the comment period. BPA will provide a copy of such draft response to all parties who submitted comments on BPA’s initial response.

b) Any customer or interested party who is aggrieved by BPA’s Draft Responses regarding the Slice True-Up Adjustment may request a neutral third-party non-binding review process by providing written notice, within 10 Business Days (notice period) of the issuance of the Draft Response, to BPA and all parties who submitted comments. The notice will contain a concise statement of each BPA Draft Response that is disputed and an explanation of the nature and basis of the grievance.

c) If no party requests the neutral third-party non-binding review process within the notice period, then neutral third-party review will be waived by all parties for all purposes for the applicable cost verification for Slice True-Up, and BPA will take the actions necessary to implement the decisions set out in its Draft Response document including, but not limited to, any further adjustment of payment(s) or credit(s) to Slice customers.

d) Any issue raised pursuant to Section 4b above will be forwarded to the neutral third party for non-binding review unless BPA reasonably determines that such issue is inappropriate for third-party non-binding review because it concerns: 1) the allocation of a New Expense; 2) matters that are immaterial to the calculation of the Slice True-Up Adjustment; or 3) matters that are outside the scope of the cost verification process for the Slice True-Up Adjustment as set forth in Section 1a above. Any such Slice True-Up Adjustment issues that are excluded from non-binding review will be determined by BPA without reference to the neutral third party, and BPA’s decision will be part of and communicated at the same time as, BPA’s Final Decision provided for in Section 4h below. If such issues excluded from non-binding review are subsequently decided in a 7(i) Process, and as a consequence of BPA’s 7(i) Process review of the issue, different decisions are made and result in a different Slice True-Up Adjustment, the positive or negative difference will be either charged or credited, as the case may be, to the Slice customers with interest as provided for consistent with the requirements of Section 2.8.4 of the PRDM.

e) In accordance with Section 4b, BPA will promptly – following the close of the notice period – notify each customer or interested party who is aggrieved by one or more of BPA’s Draft Responses as to whether the issue(s) will be forwarded to a third-party non-binding review process. If there is to be a non-binding third-party review process, BPA will promptly appoint the neutral third party.

f) If the issue(s) is to be submitted to a third-party non-binding review process, the issue(s) will be submitted to the neutral third-party expert by written submission. Such written submissions shall be submitted to the third-party expert not later than 20 Business Days after the posting of the third-party appointment on the BPA website, and will not exceed 50 double-spaced pages (12 point font; 26 lines, except for single-spaced quotes), together with exhibits not in excess of 50 pages. The third-party expert may pose questions to any party making a submittal and may permit oral argument on some or all of the issues presented, at his or her discretion. The third-party expert will issue a written opinion on all matters at issue within 30 Business Days of the later of the written submittals or oral argument.

g) The third-party expert must have a level of experience with the utility industry of not less than 10 years, with knowledge of accounting, cost allocation, and rate-setting methodology and practices. The third-party expert will be selected by BPA in consultation with the customers participating in the third-party non-binding process.

h) Upon completion of the third-party non-binding review process, BPA will provide a Final Response disposing of the issues and questions dealt with in the opinion of the third-party expert. In such Final Response, BPA may either adopt in whole or in part or reject in whole or in part the disposition of the issues and questions in the opinion of the third-party expert. The Final Response will also include BPA’s decisions on the issues not referred to the third party pursuant to Section 4d above. Upon the issuance of such Final Response, BPA will take the actions necessary to implement the decisions set out in its Final Response document, including but not limited to any further adjustment of payment(s) or credit(s) to Slice customers.

**Appendix C****Determination of LDD Eligible Discount Percentage**

An example LDD Percentage Discount Table with a specified maximum total eligible discount percentage is shown below. A table like it will be used to determine an eligible discount percentage for each customer. PRDM Chapter 8 must be consulted for a full description and necessary related information.

The eligible discount percentage will be the sum of the two potential discount percentages for which the customer qualifies. The total eligible discount percentage will not exceed 9 percent and may be adjusted pursuant to LDD Phase-In Adjustment, and Additional Adjustment for Very Low Densities.

| **Percentage Discount** | **Applicable Range for kWh/Investment (K/I) Ratio** | **Applicable Range for Consumers/Mile (C/M) Ratio** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 0.0% | 36 < X | 12 < X |
| 0.5% | 33 < X ≤ 36 | 11 < X ≤ 12 |
| 1.0% | 30 < X ≤ 33 | 10 < X ≤ 11 |
| 1.5% | 27 < X ≤ 30 | 9 < X ≤ 10 |
| 2.0% | 24 < X ≤ 27 | 8 < X ≤ 9 |
| 2.5% | 21 < X ≤ 24 | 7 < X ≤ 8 |
| 3.0% | 18 < X ≤ 21 | 6 < X ≤ 7 |
| 3.5% | 15 < X ≤ 18 | 5 < X ≤ 6 |
| 4.0% | 12 < X ≤ 15 | 4 < X ≤ 5 |
| 4.5% | 9 < X ≤ 12 | 3 < X ≤ 4 |
| 5.0% | 6 < X ≤ 9 | 2 < X ≤ 3 |
| 5.5% | 3 < X ≤ 6 | 1 < X ≤ 2 |
| 6.0% | X ≤ 3 | X ≤ 1 |

**Appendix D  
Support Services Framework**

**Appendix E  
Capacity Credits Framework**