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To Regional Customers and Interested Parties:

Bonneville Power Administration (Bonneville) has completed the BP-26 Rate Period High Water Mark (RHWM) Process. Consistent with the Tiered Rate Methodology (TRM), Bonneville posted its determination of values for the upcoming BP-26 Rate Period for Fiscal Years (FY) 2026-2028, which include RHWM Tier 1 System Capability (RT1SC), RHWM Augmentation, each customer's individual RHWM and Above-RHWM Load. Final RHWM outputs can be found on the RHWM Process website: [Rate Period High Water Mark Process](https://www.bpa.gov/rhwm-process) (BPA.gov).

Bonneville engaged customers in a public process from June through August 2024, with two public comment periods following two public workshops. Bonneville received a total of 22 comments during the comment periods, most of which were related to individual customer load or resource forecasts.

Bonneville's T1SFCO for the BP-26 RHWM Process is based on our hydro generation forecast, which uses a 30-year, monthly 10th percentile (P10) methodology. The BP-26 T1SFCO increased 41 average megawatts (aMW) from the value for the BP-24 Rate Period.

At the workshop on June 4th, Bonneville presented the preliminary Tier 1 System Firm Critical Output (T1SFCO) and RT1SC. Individual customers' RHWM and Above-RHWM Loads were posted following the workshop.

Bonneville postponed its second public workshop to allow for a recalculation of data. Updates included decreased Canadian Entitlement amounts from reaching agreement in principle on the modernized Columbia River Treaty and incorporating additional operational changes which included the Pacific Northwest Coordination Agreement and updated irrigation withdrawals at Grand Coulee. Altogether, the sum of these changes resulted in an increased T1SFCO of 151 aMW.

Bonneville held its final workshop August 15th, followed by a formal 10 business day public comment period pursuant to section 4.2.2 of the TRM. At the August workshop Bonneville presented its updated draft final T1SFCO, RT1SC, and cumulative load changes resulting from both the public comments received following the June workshop and operational changes. Individual customers' draft final RHWM and Above-RHWM Loads were posted directly after the meeting.

During the two comment periods, Bonneville received modification requests from the following customers: Big Bend Electric Cooperation, City of Burley (two comments), City of Ellensburg, City of Plummer, Clark Public Utilities, Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, Inc., Eugene Water and Electric Board, Flathead Electric Cooperative, Kootenai Electric Cooperative, Lost River Electric Cooperative, Inc., Lower Valley Energy, Mason PUD 3, Missoula Electric Cooperative, Oregon Trail Electric Co-op, Pacific PUD, Pend Oreille PUD, Seattle City Light, Snohomish PUD, Tillamook People's Utility District, United Electric Co-op, Inc., Wahkiakum PUD. Of the 22 comments asking for load or resource forecast modifications, Bonneville accepted 17 which are incorporated into the final determinations as posted.

Bonneville thanks our customers for their comments and engagement during the BP-26 RHWM Process.

Sincerely,

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