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### Evolving Grid Projects Background

- Progressive de-carbonization policies in the states of Washington and Oregon, accelerated need for carbon-free resources, load growth accelerating due to high-tech industries, and operational challenges due to extreme temperatures are creating a rapidly evolving Northwest landscape.
- Last year, BPA brought forward a set of capital projects called the 'Evolving Grid Projects" to respond to this increasing demand of BPA for forward looking Transmission projects. With the next set of projects, BPA is continuing to pull commitment decisions forward in time to provide more certainty to the region regarding critical projects.
- Evolving Grid Projects are just one aspect of the larger <u>BPA's Transmission</u> <u>Plan</u> to meet the needs of our customers by investing in our infrastructure and enabling economic growth in the region.

## Project Criteria for Regional Needs

- Necessary main grid reinforcement regardless of specific generator locations
- Necessary for load service
- Excellent economics (supports BPA financial ability to support other activities)
- Provides transmission service for substantial MW of "mature" generation
- Supports regional resource diversity
- Supports network load growth and/or interconnection needs
- Avoids future (within 10-year horizon) reliability need/costs
- Regional level support of public policy

### Evolving Grid Portfolio Review

- 11 EGP 1.0 projects currently underway
- 13 EGP 2.0 projects (NEW) in the initiation phase

#### EGP 1.0 Project Update



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### Evolving Grid 2.0 Projects – Beyond 2030

Based on Preliminary Estimates, Estimated EGP 2.0 Cost: ~\$ <u>3B</u>
Project Names
GRAND COULEE-COLUMBIA-SCHULTZ 500KV
SCHULTZ-OLYMPIA 500KV
CENTRAL OR 500KV DYNAMIC REACTIVE UPGRADES
RENO-ALTURAS REACTIVE ADDITION
NORTH OF MARION UPGRADE #1
NORTH OF MARION UPGRADE #2
NORTH OF PEARL 500KV UPGRADE
OSTRANDER-PEARL #1 UPGRADE
BIG EDDY-QUENETT CREEK UPGRADE
BIG EDDY-THE DALLES #1 REBUILD
LOWER COLUMBIA TO BONANZA
NEVADA/OREGON BORDER (NOB) SUBSTATION
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### EGP 2.0 Project Initiation Timeline

- We've refined the 2.0 project list and the projects are approved to begin preliminary engineering through BPA's capital process.
- Each project may have various methods of funding (BPA funded sustain, Customer funded TSEP, or a combination).
- Once the projects are fully scoped, with plan of service and estimates matured, BPA plans to proceed with further approvals and share target completion dates.

Snoqualmie

National Forest

# Grand Coulee-Columbia-Schultz 500 kV

- This proposed project would rebuild the existing Grand Coulee-Olympia 287 kV circuit to 500 kV.
- To loop into Columbia, the project would also build a new Columbia 500 kV substation yard, with a 500/230 kV transformer bank.
- This section of the line would terminate at Schultz Substation.





# Schultz-Olympia 500 kV

- This proposed project would rebuild the Schultz-Olympia portion of the Coulee-Olympia 287 kV to 500 kV.
- The project would also include an expansion of an Olympia 500 kV yard, a new 500/230 kV transformer bank, and three new 500 kV shunt capacitors.



# Central Oregon 500 kV Dynamic Reactive Upgrades

- This proposed project would install reactive support (STATCOM) at:
  - Central Oregon at Bonanza 500kV
  - Captain Jack 500 kV



## Reno-Alturas Reactive Addition

- This proposed project would install reactive support (STATCOM) at:
  - Warner 115 kV
  - Hilltop 230 kV



# North of Marion Upgrade #1

- This proposed project would build on the Big Eddy-Chemawa project, constructing a new 500 kV yard at Chemawa, including a new 500/230 kV transformer bank.
- The project would also rebuild the Pearl –
  Chemawa section of Big Eddy-Chemawa from 230 kV to 500 kV.
- Additionally, the project would also rebuild the Chemawa Santiam #1 from 230 kV to 500 kV.



# North of Marion Upgrade #2

- This proposed project would rebuild Pearl Marion #1 500 kV and replace the 2.5" expanded conductor and would rebuild the Oregon City – Chemawa 115 kV river crossing.
- The project would also add a second 230/115 kV transformer bank at Chemawa Substation.



### North of Pearl 500 kV Upgrade

- This proposed project would upgrade transmission capacity in the Portland sub-grid North of Pearl area by reconductor the existing Pearl-Keeler #1
   500 kV line and leveraging an existing corridor to add a second 500 kV line between Pearl and Keeler.
- The existing Pearl-Sherwood #1 and #2 230 kV lines would be relocated/rebuilt to accommodate Pearl-Keeler #2 500 kV line.
- The existing section of Keeler-Oregon City #2 115 kV between Sherwood and Oregon City would be repurposed as the new Keeler-Sherwood (PGE) 115 kV Line, terminating into Sherwood.



# Big Eddy-Quenett Creek Upgrade



# Big Eddy-The Dalles #1 Rebuild



### Ostrander-Pearl #1 Upgrade



## Lower Columbia to Bonanza

- This proposed project would build a new 500 kV transmission line between a substation in the Lower Columbia area and the planned Bonanza Substation in Central Oregon.
- The project may also include additional connections to 500 kV substations near the line route as well as new 500 kV series capacitors



### Bonanza to Nevada-Oregon Border & Substation

- This proposed project would build a new 500 kV transmission line from Bonanza Substation toward the Nevada-Oregon border (NOB).
- The project would also include new 500 kV series capacitors.
- This proposed project would build a new 500 kV substation at the Nevada-Oregon border.



## On Deck/Under Joint Study Review

BPA Transmission Planning is still evaluating and studying the following:

- Additional Portland area reinforcement
- Umatilla County expansion (Stanfield/Echo Lake)
- Reinforcement to Roundup

### Conclusion

- All EGP 2.0 project details are promising but preliminary at this point; scoping, analysis, and collaboration will occur before full project design and construction funding approval.
- Acquisition of long-lead items for EGP 2.0 projects is not forecasted until 2026.
- Currently, approvals for EGP 2.0 projects is for scoping only, full business case approval using preliminary engineering and scoping findings is estimated in FY26.
- Environmental analysis required before BPA can construct.