



# Planning for NITS Loads & Resources Workshop Series

October 10, 2024



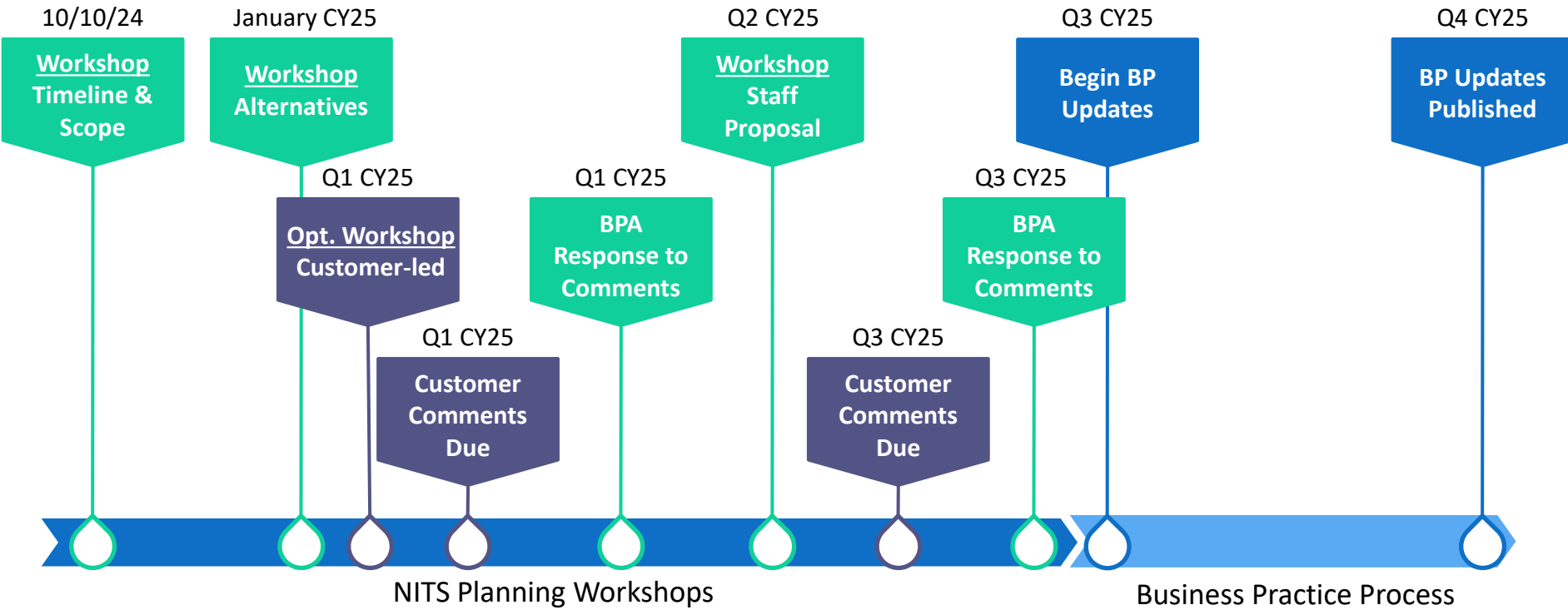
# Webex Instructions

- Bonneville has adjusted its public stakeholder virtual engagement approach.
- The Webex format is moving to a “webinar” style.
  - Webex attendees can no longer mute/unmute themselves or enable their webcam.
- The all-chat feature is disabled. Attendees can only message panelists.
  - To participate, attendees must raise their hand (Bonneville will unmute you to enable your participation) or send a question to panelists in the chat.
- If you are Webex by phone only: press \*3 to request to be unmuted.
- Moderators will continue to address raised hands in the order received.
  - Please continue to state your name and affiliation.
- As necessary, Bonneville may evolve these procedures and take other measures at its discretion to prevent future disruptions.

# Agenda

- Introductions
- Timeline
- Review Summarized Themes from Customer Comments

# Estimated NITS Workshop Timeline





# Customer Comments



# Summarized Customer Themes

Theme	Description	Response
<p><b>Planning Transparency</b></p>	<p>Some customers requested clarity as to how NITS forecasts are utilized in planning processes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is BPA “encumbering” for NITS customers?</li> <li>• Better understanding of subgrid and main grid constraints.</li> <li>• How are load forecasts planned for?</li> <li>• When is an LLIR required?</li> </ul>	<p>BPA is considering these comments as it develops alternatives.</p> <p><b><u>BPA NITS Workshops</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Alternatives</b></li> <li>• <b>Staff Proposal</b></li> </ul>

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<b>Non-federal Resources</b>	<p>Some customers expressed concerns about how non-federal resources are treated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discomfort that new non-federal resources are always planned via TSEP (if capacity is not available). Non-fed resources may seem disadvantaged.</li><li>• Treatment of all resources should be consistent with OATT open access and non-discriminatory provisions.</li></ul>	<p>BPA is considering these comments as it develops alternatives.</p> <p><b><u>BPA NITS Workshops</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Alternatives</b></li><li>• <b>Staff Proposal</b></li></ul>

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<b>Open Access</b>	<p>Some customers expressed concern that treatment of NITS might disadvantage PTP when capacity is not available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ensure consistency with OATT open access and non-discriminatory provisions.</li></ul>	<p>BPA is considering these comments as it develops alternatives.</p> <p><b><u>BPA NITS Workshops</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Alternatives</b></li><li>• <b>Staff Proposal</b></li></ul>



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<b>Obligation</b>	<p>Concern that BPA may not be meeting its obligation to plan for Network Customers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Customers requested clarification or commitment to statutory and OATT obligation.</li><li>• Customers questioned how does the Transmission Business Model and Agency Strategic Plan align with NITS?</li></ul>	<p>BPA is considering these comments as it develops alternatives.</p> <p>BPA addressed this topic at the <a href="#">July 2024 Workshop</a>.</p>

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<b>Reliability Planning</b>	<p>Some customers believe that reliability planning processes should provide transmission capacity for Network Customers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not want to participate in TSEP but want to be planned for in reliability studies.</li> </ul>	<p>Presently, BPA reliability planning processes address the capability of the transmission system to support the load forecasts included in planning cases, but do not speak to commercial rights to service from any particular resource. BPA will consider these comments when developing alternatives.</p> <p><b><u>BPA NITS Workshops</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Alternatives</b></li> <li>• <b>Staff Proposal</b></li> </ul>

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<b>Transmission Planning</b>	<p>Some customers request “Deep Dive Evaluations” to develop Master Plans of Service by Sub-region:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interaction among geographically co-located customers to optimize solutions (wires and non-wires projects).</li> </ul>	<p>Presently, BPA reliability planning processes, including deep dive conversations regarding local system capabilities, are independent of commercial planning. BPA will consider these comments when developing alternatives.</p> <p><b><u>BPA NITS Workshops</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Alternatives</b></li> <li>• <b>Staff Proposal</b></li> </ul>

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<b>System Expansion for Transmission Access</b>	<p>Some customers shared the need for transmission to support economic growth opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Many customer projects lack certainty at the onset but require availability of transmission.</li><li>• Transmission is needed outside of the normal expansion processes.</li></ul>	<p>BPA plans the system to support load and resource forecasts that are identified. Ensuring customer provided forecast information is included in planning studies is key to identifying system expansion projects. BPA will consider these comments when developing alternatives.</p> <p><b><u>BPA NITS Workshops</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Alternatives</b></li><li>• <b>Staff Proposal</b></li></ul>

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<b>Evolving Grid</b>	<p>Some customers questioned how Evolving Grid will benefit Network Customers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Customer perception of BPA's focus on PTP or commercial needs.</li></ul>	<p>The Evolving Grid 1.0 projects announced in July 2023 and the Evolving Grid 2.0 projects announced on October 9, 2024, address both commercial TSRs and growing regional needs.</p>

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<b>Line and Load Interconnection Procedures (LLIP) Improvements</b>	<p>Some customers requested that the LLIP be reviewed and revised to ensure timely and reliable service:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To be done along with improvements in the LaRC and NOC.</li></ul>	<p>BPA's LLIP Team is planning to revise the LLIP Business Practice during CY25 to reflect current practices. They will coordinate with the NITS team if future substantial BP changes are made.</p>

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<b>Network Operating Committee (NOC) Purpose</b>	Some customers expressed desire to expand the scope of the NOC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Include non-technical items.</li><li>• Additional executive oversight of the NOC.</li></ul>	This topic will be addressed at the next NOC meeting.  <b><u>NOC Meetings</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 10/31/24</li></ul>

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<b>Support for Change</b>	<p>Some customers expressed support for the process, expanded timeline, sensitivity for issues, etc.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Customers understand that what they are asking for may result in higher cost and rates.</li><li>• Expressed willingness to support increased budgets for transmission expansion during the IPR and rates process that will benefit them.</li></ul>	BPA appreciates the support.



# Upcoming Customer Meetings

- **Network Operating Committee (NOC)**
  - Purpose of the NOC – October 31, 2024
  - Commercial Transmission Inventory Map (CTIM) training – TBD
  - LaRC – June 2025
- **Transmission Planning Attachment K Process**
  - 2024 Cycle Customer Meeting II – November 7, 2024
  - 2025 Cycle Customer Meeting I – April/May 2025



# Questions?

