

Notice of 2025 Cluster Study

August 8, 2024

Bonneville Power Administration Transmission Services (BPA) is providing notice that in accordance with BPA's Transmission Service Request (TSR) Study and Expansion Process (TSEP) business practice it intends to perform a TSEP Cluster Study of certain TSRs for service over the Network portion of the Federal Columbia River Transmission System.

The Cluster Study will be performed pursuant to sections 19.10 and 32.6 of BPA's Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT). BPA's transmission service queue currently includes approximately 45 GW of requests for service across BPA's Network. Due to the volume and complexity of eligible TSRs in BPA's queue, BPA is exploring different approaches to conducting the 2025 TSEP Cluster Study relative to how BPA has run past TSEP Cluster Studies, including the potential to limit the amount studied. BPA will provide more information and hold a public meeting about the approach that will be used to conduct the 2025 TSEP Cluster Study in September.

BPA will require participants to execute a Cluster Study Agreement and to provide advance payment of their pro rata share of estimated costs. Cluster Study Agreements will be tendered to eligible participants in the fall of 2024. BPA expects to begin the 2025 TSEP Cluster Study in June 2025.

As provided in the [advance notice of the Cluster Study](#) that BPA posted to its OASIS on June 14, 2024, transmission customers will have until **12:00 PM Pacific Daylight Time (PDT) on August 15, 2024 to submit eligible TSRs and associated data exhibits** for consideration in the 2025 Cluster Study. All TSRs submitted after this deadline will not be eligible for the 2025 Cluster Study and will either be studied in a subsequent cluster study or on an individual basis as described below.

Eligibility

The term "eligible TSR" means a long-term firm PTP or NITS TSR or forecast TSR, except for requests for service over an intertie. In addition, as described above, BPA is exploring different approaches to conduct the 2025 TSEP Cluster Study relative to how BPA has run past TSEP Cluster Studies, including limiting the amount eligible to be studied.

Opt-out for Individual Study

Transmission customers may request that an eligible TSR be studied individually, rather than in the Cluster Study, until **12:00 PM PDT on August 15, 2024**. Such individual study process will be initiated following the completion of the 2025 TSEP Cluster Study. TSRs under an individual study will not be eligible for the 2025 TSEP Cluster Study or a future TSEP Cluster Study.



Conditional Firm Service Reconsideration

Customers will have the opportunity to request reconsideration of certain TSRs for Conditional Firm Service (CFS) in accordance with the [CFS Reconsideration Pilot business practice](#). Please see the [business practice](#) for details about requesting reconsideration of a TSR for CFS. Customers may submit a request by email to CFSReconsiderations@bpa.gov and their Transmission Account Executive. Requests will be accepted from August 1, 2024, to August 15, 2024.

CFS reconsideration requests that are accepted will be tendered a Study Agreement and required to provide study funds in advance on a TSR MW basis.

Eligibility requirements for CFS Reconsideration include:

- The TSR must be in STUDY status in OASIS.
- The TSR must have participated in a previous TSEP Cluster Study or Individual Study.
- The Customer must have refused a previous offer of CFS.

For additional information, please refer to the [TSR Study and Expansion Process Business Practice](#) or visit the [TSEP web site](#) for access to all relevant forms and resources.

If there are additional queries or concerns, please correspond with your transmission account executive or submit your query via email to techforum@bpa.gov with “2025 TSEP Cluster Study” in the subject line.

