



# Evolving Grid

## Update on Transmission Activities

May 16, 2024

Rates Hearing Room & Webex



# Agenda

Time	Topic	
9:00 to 9:10	Opening Remarks & Safety Moment	Katie Sheckells
9:10 to 10:00	Transmission Business Model 5.0	Richard Shaheen, Jeff Cook & Michelle Manary
10:00 to 10:30	Evolving Grid Project Updates	Erich Orth
<b>10:30 to 10:45</b>	<b>BREAK</b>	
10:45 to 11:15	Maintaining the Grid: Overview of Transmission's Sustain Program	Jana Jusupovic
11:15 to 11:30	Queue Updates: GI/LLIR/TSR	Kevlyn Baker & Tasha Bryan
11:30 - 12	TSEP Cluster Study Update	Chris Gilbert & Tasha Bryan
<b>12 to 1</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	
1:00 to 2:00	Bifurcation Process for Transmission Projects	Chris Gilbert
2:00 to 2:15	Regional Study on 2040 Decarbonization Milestones	Dmitry Kosterev
2:15 to 2:45	WestTEC Update	Sarah Edmonds (WPP) & Ravi Aggarwal
2:45 to 3	Closing Remarks & Next Steps	Katie Sheckells
<b>End of Meeting</b>		

# The Objective of BPA's Evolving Grid Initiative

A variety of factors are creating a need for a transformational shift in the Transmission industry. Bonneville Transmission wants to raise awareness of recent efforts and initiatives, those underway and yet to come, and what customers and the region can expect in the future as we navigate the changing landscape.



# Transmission Business Model

The Power of Change



# Transmission Business Model 5.0

**Strategic  
Connections**



Transmission's  
Value

Long-Term  
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Products and  
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Significant Progress Since 2017

Adapting to Evolving Landscapes

Broadening Our Strategic Horizons

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Our collective mission to energize and support the Pacific Northwest

Changes you should expect to see

Some things will endure



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- Building resilience for high-impact events
- Enhancing performance and security through a proactive approach to operational excellence
- Underscoring a heightened focus on safety and security in grid operations

- Continue to integrate new resources and market initiatives
- Supporting customers through period of significant regulatory changes

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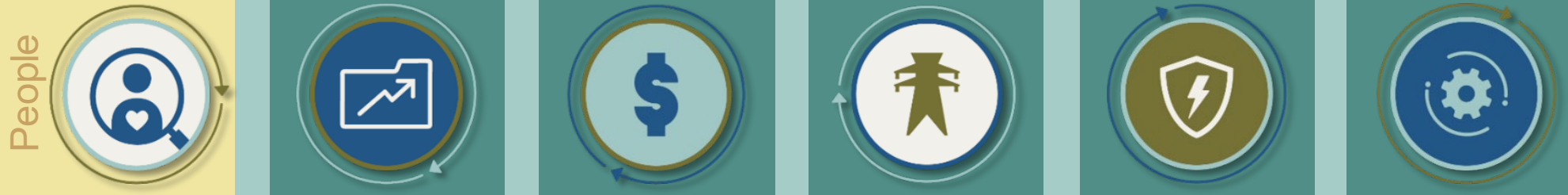
Infrastructure

Products and Services

- Focus: Prioritize thriving
- Elevating our commitment to our people, ensuring adaptability in a changing world
- Reframing from maintaining to enhancing operational sustainability

# Transmission Business Model 5.0

## Strategic Connections



### Transmission's Value

#### Empower People and Value Culture

- Creating a supportive environment where diversity drives innovation and equity is celebrated
- Attracting talent by exemplifying a community known for its inclusive and innovative culture

### Long-Term Sustainability

#### Required Changes

- Championing a culture of diversity, equity, and inclusion from recruitment through retirement
- Expand applicant outreach efforts

### Infrastructure

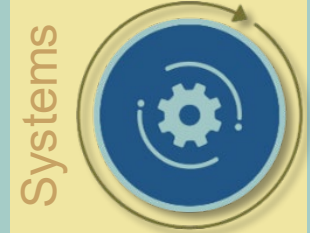
#### Examples of Success

- Employee retention and development
- Effective flexible policies
- Diverse and inclusive workforce
- Innovation driven by diversity

### Products and Services

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## Implement Operational Improvements

- A broader focus on the transmission system's overall efficiency and reliability
- Utilizing advanced tools, analytics to improve operations
- In support of a robust and reliable energy system

## Required Changes

- Cybersecurity and incident response capabilities
- Visualization and operational tools to streamline data management

## Examples of Success

- Active role with NERC/WECC standards
- Advance cybersecurity incident detection & response
- Visualization and operations automation
- Develop improved generation and load forecasts

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Transmission's Value

## Advance Investments and Strengthen Resilience

- Enhance transmission's infrastructure to support resource integration and withstand severe events and threats
- Invest in system upgrades that benefit reliability and flexibility

Long-Term Sustainability

## Required Changes

- Cybersecurity resilience
- Infrastructure investment
- Drive economies of scale, taking advantage of flexibility and resilience

Infrastructure

## Examples of Success

- Improved grid reliability and resilience
- Cybersecurity incident response time
- Infrastructure upgrade completion

Products and Services

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Products



Finances



Operations



Systems



Transmission's Value

## Support Market Evolution

- Directly engaging developing markets
- Support customers' transition to renewable energy and policy objectives
- Participate in development of standards

Long-Term Sustainability

## Required Changes

- Continuous value capture
- Coordinated planning
- Market management
- Products and services expansion

Infrastructure

## Examples of Success

- Revenue focused tools
- Revised pricing schedules

Products and Services

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Operations



Systems



Transmission's Value

## Modernize Products and Services

- Rapidly changing customer needs require innovative and flexible solutions
- Diverse scheduling and resource mixes
- Collaborative engagement throughout improvement process

Long-Term Sustainability

## Required Changes

- Collaborate with region around sustainability challenges
- Enhanced demand and capacity forecasting capabilities

Infrastructure

## Examples of Success

- Harmonized customer needs

Products and Services

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# Questions

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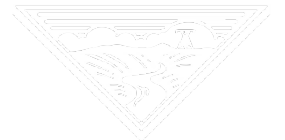
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Advance investments and strengthen resilience

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# Evolving Grid Projects Update



Project



Next Milestone

Cross-Cascades North: Multiple projects



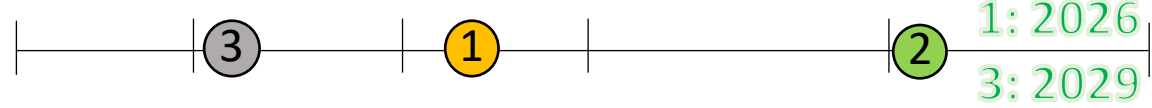
Project is moving into Scoping this quarter. Estimated energization is 2030.

Cross-Cascades South: Big Eddy – Chemawa Rebuild



Project is moving into Scoping this quarter. Estimated energization is 2032.

Portland Area: Multiple projects



1. Pearl-Sherwood-Mcloughlin: Project is in Design. Estimated energization is 2026.
2. Keeler-Horizon#2: Project is Energized.
3. Keeler Transformer Addition: Project is in Scoping. Estimated energization is 2029.

Raver-Paul: 230 kV Line Upgrade



Project has finished Scoping and starting Design this quarter. Estimated energization is 2028.

Ross - Rivergate 230 kV Line Upgrade



Project is moving into Scoping this quarter. Estimated energization is 2030.

Rock Creek – John Day 500 kV Line Upgrade



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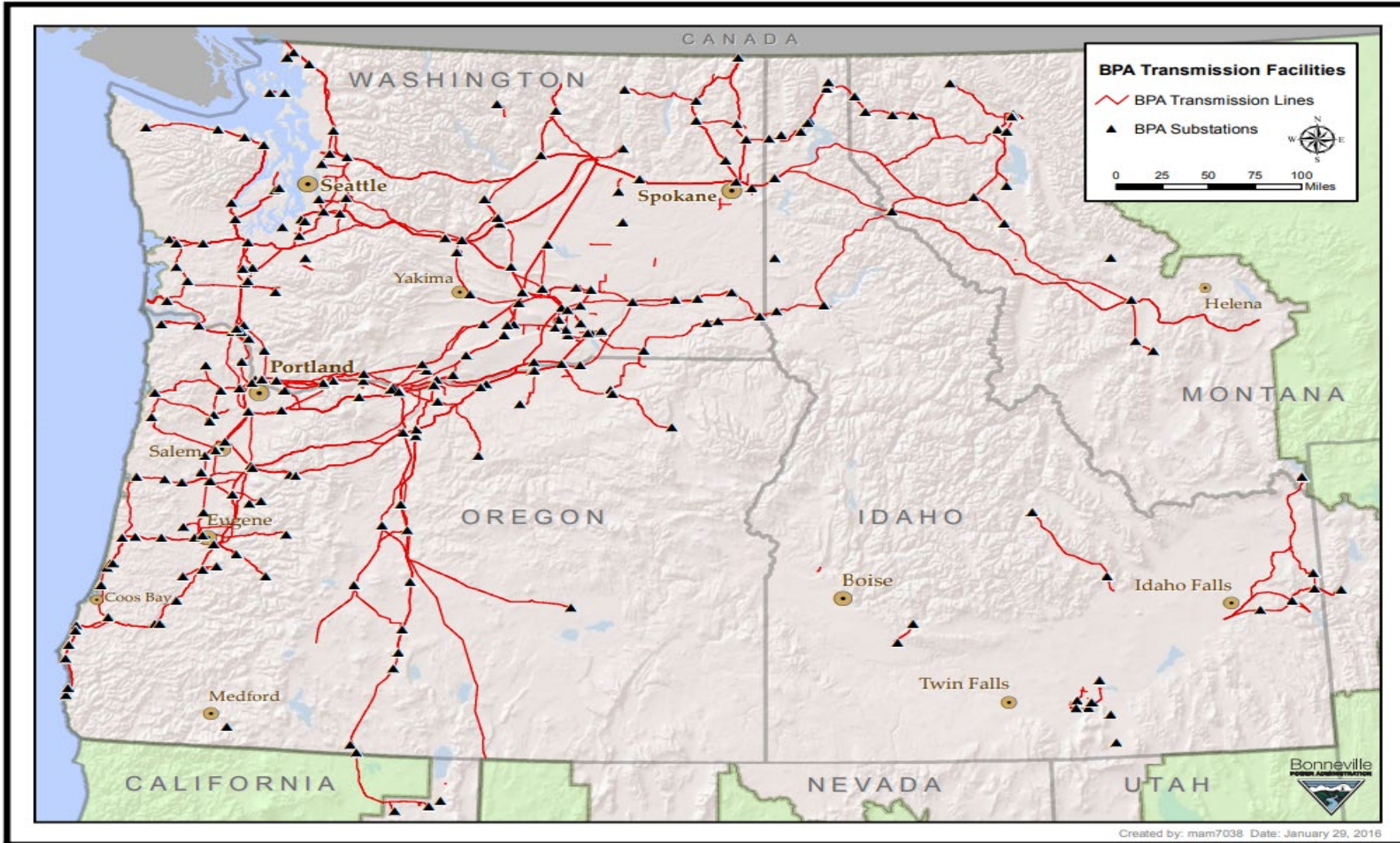
Next Milestone

<p>West of Boardman 500/230 kV Sub</p>		<p>Project is in Scoping. A feasible site has been selected. Longest Lead Material has been placed on order. Estimated energization in 2027.</p>
<p>Bonanza 500/230 kV Sub</p>		<p>Plan of Service has been completed. Scoping set to kick off this quarter. Estimated energization is 2028.</p>
<p>La Pine – Bonanza 230 kV Line</p>		<p>Plan of Service is in development. Estimated energization is 2030.</p>
<p>Buckley Sub Rebuild</p>		<p>Project is in Design. Estimated energization is 2028.</p>
<p>Longhorn 500/230 kV Sub</p>		<p>Ongoing construction activities. Initial energization planned for December 2024. Project on track with caution</p>

# Maintaining the Transmission Grid



# BPA Infrastructure



# Strategic Asset Management Overview

- Agency Strategic Goals
  - Mature Asset Management
  - Modernize business systems and procedures
- Transmission Business Model
  - Long term Sustainability
  - Infrastructure
  - Products and Services
- Asset Management Maturity Goals
  1. Asset Data
  2. Asset Management systems
  3. Asset Management processes
  4. Risk-based decision-making framework
  5. Resource Management capabilities

# Asset Management Maturity Goals and Teams

## AM Maturity Goals

1. Asset Data is effectively managed, accessible and structured to enable effective asset management
2. AM systems are appropriately integrated and relied on to automate and manage core processes
3. AM processes are documented, consistent and efficient.
4. Use standard risk-based decision-making framework to prioritize asset management lifecycle decisions.
5. Transmission’s resource management capability is established, documented, and successfully relied on for work delivery.

## AM Maturity Teams

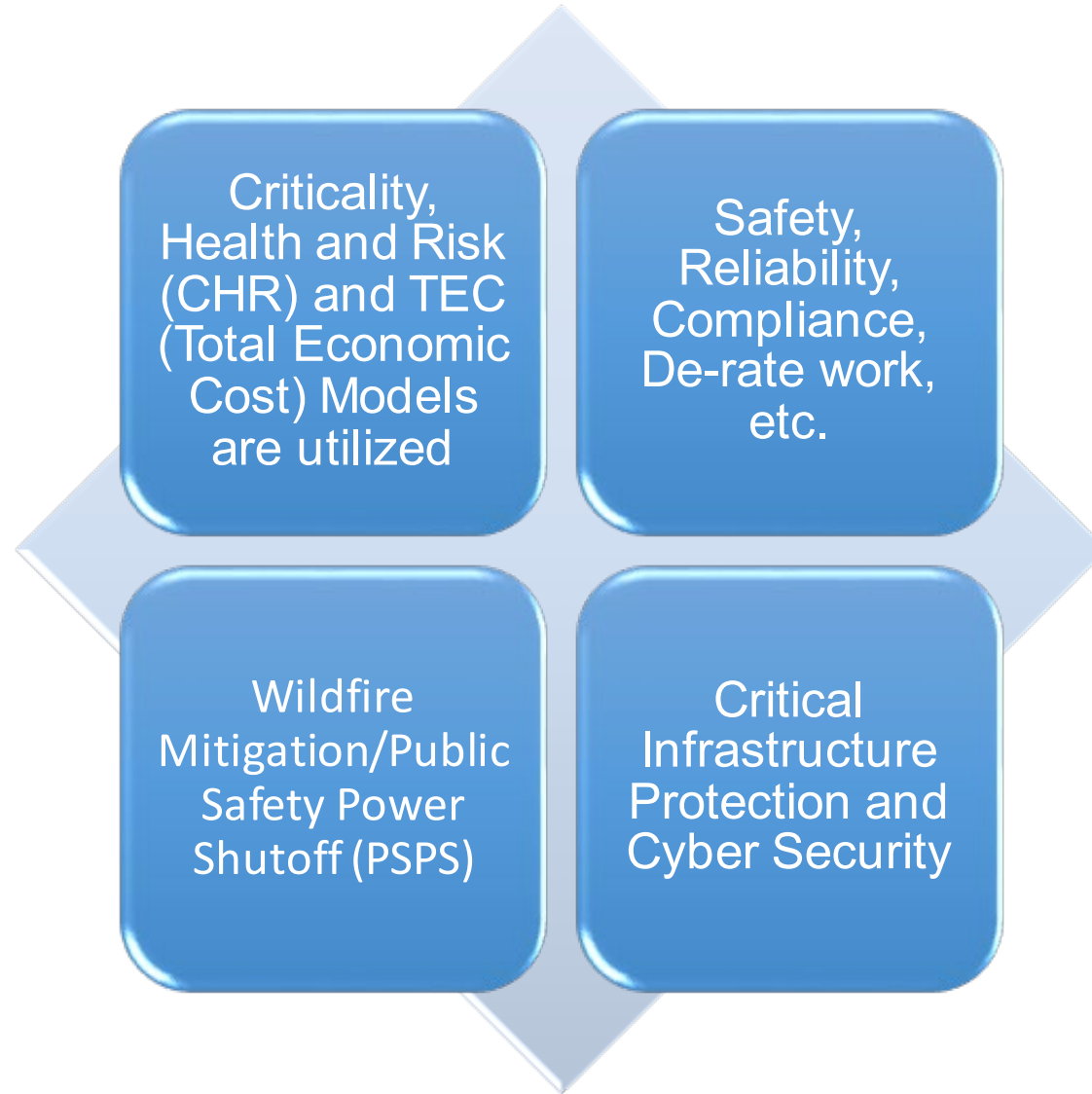
- 1. Data and Systems Governance**
  - Objective: Transmission has accurate data and IT systems to support effective management of our asset portfolio
- 2. AM System (Policy, Process & Governance)**
  - Objective: Documented processes to support effective management of our asset portfolio
- 3. Decision Support**
  - Objective: Provide data, tools, and methodologies to support effective decision making.
- 4. Demand Forecasting and Capacity Planning**
  - Objective: Create accurate demand forecasts to plan our work and support long-term investments to develop the capacity to meet the demand.



# T-Asset Categories: Capital Funding

- Sustain
  - Replacement of an asset
- Expand
  - An Investment that upgrades an existing asset or adds a new asset
- Project Funded In Advance (PFIA)
  - Project funded in advance; projects where customers fund and finance projects in return for transmission credits

# Prioritization of Sustain work



# Demand and Capacity

- The demand on our system
- What has been done thus far to identify the entire demand:
  - Consolidated Operational Technology portfolio with the rest of the T Portfolio
  - Standardized the capital demand (work) and capacity (resources) on one platform, MS Project
- How are we to meet the demand?
  - Standing up another Secondary Capacity Model (SCM)
  - Looking into leveraging existing contracts for small customer work
  - Leveraging internal resources

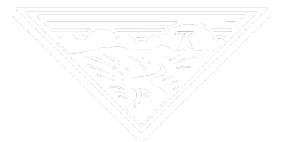
# Significant Risks and Mitigation Plans

SIGNIFICANT RISKS	MITIGATION PLAN
Complex environment of aging assets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ramp up sustain spending for the next 5 to 10 years</li> <li>Continue to mature AM capabilities to focus limited resources on most critical replacements</li> <li>Continue to evaluate opportunities to change practices to maximize resources</li> </ul>
Global supply chain issues with materials and resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintaining more equipment in stock</li> <li>Developing, standing up and maturing our sparing strategy</li> <li>Changed existing contracts and added new language into new contracts to allow earlier material procurement efforts for long-lead time items</li> </ul>
Talent acquisition/retention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hiring additional resources and maximizing available HCM tools to remain competitive</li> </ul>
Increase in costs for labor and materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluating processes and inventory levels to mitigate for lead times</li> </ul>
Increased physical and cyber security attacks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increasing cyber security focus to protect networks, discover and prevent changes to devices and protect data from unauthorized access or criminal use</li> <li>BPA has increased its priority on its security project</li> </ul>
EXTERNAL RISKS	MITIGATION PLAN
Regional and Global Impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Build resiliency into system and programming decisions</li> <li>Respond in a coordinated and collaborative way</li> </ul>
Wildfire Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to mature the wildfire mitigation program, including supporting processes, tools and expertise</li> <li>Continue to work with the cities, states and regionally on wildfire mitigation and preparation</li> </ul>

# In summary

- BPA's Infrastructure
- Strategic Asset Management Overview
- AM Maturity Goals and Teams to achieve them
- T-Asset Categories
- Prioritization
- Demand and Capacity
- Significant Risks and Mitigation Plans
- Goal is to become more transparent and consistent on our communication, yet make sure to deliver on our word!

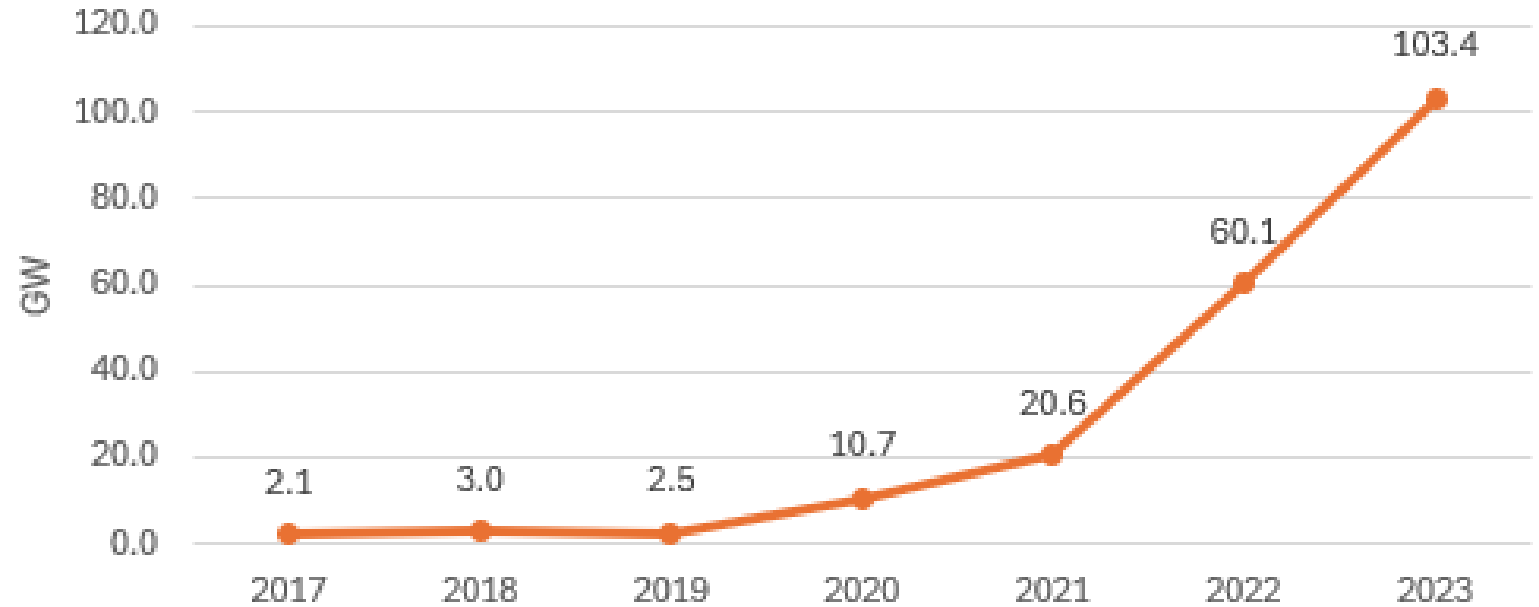
# BPA Queue Update



# Generation Interconnection Queue Activity

- By the end of 2023, BPA had over 400 active requests to interconnect new generation resources to the FCRTS.

## GI Requests: Total GW/year

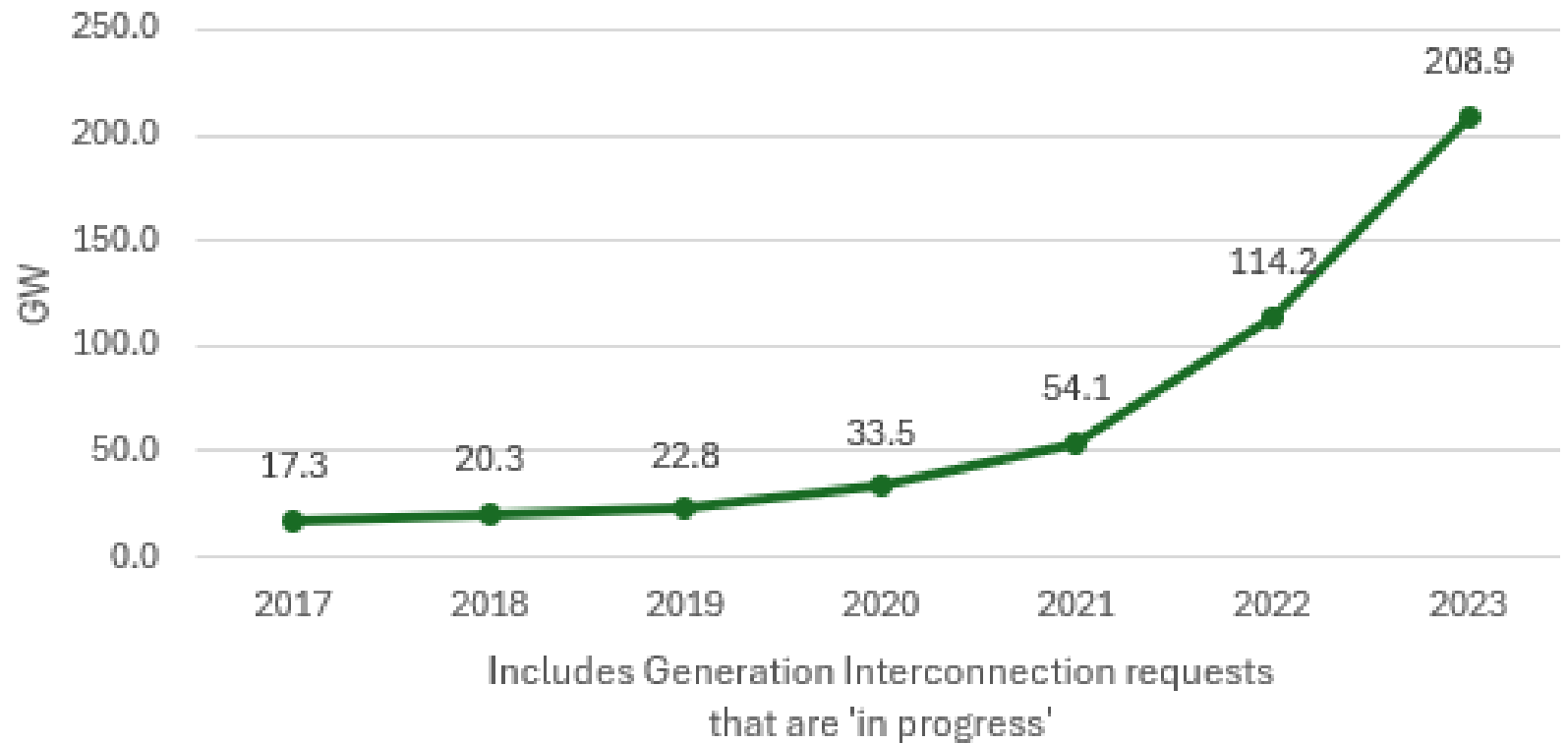


Includes Generation Interconnection requests that are 'in progress'

# Generation Interconnection Queue Volume

- 208 GW represents all generation GW in the queue
- 166.5 GW of which is eligible for the Transition Cluster

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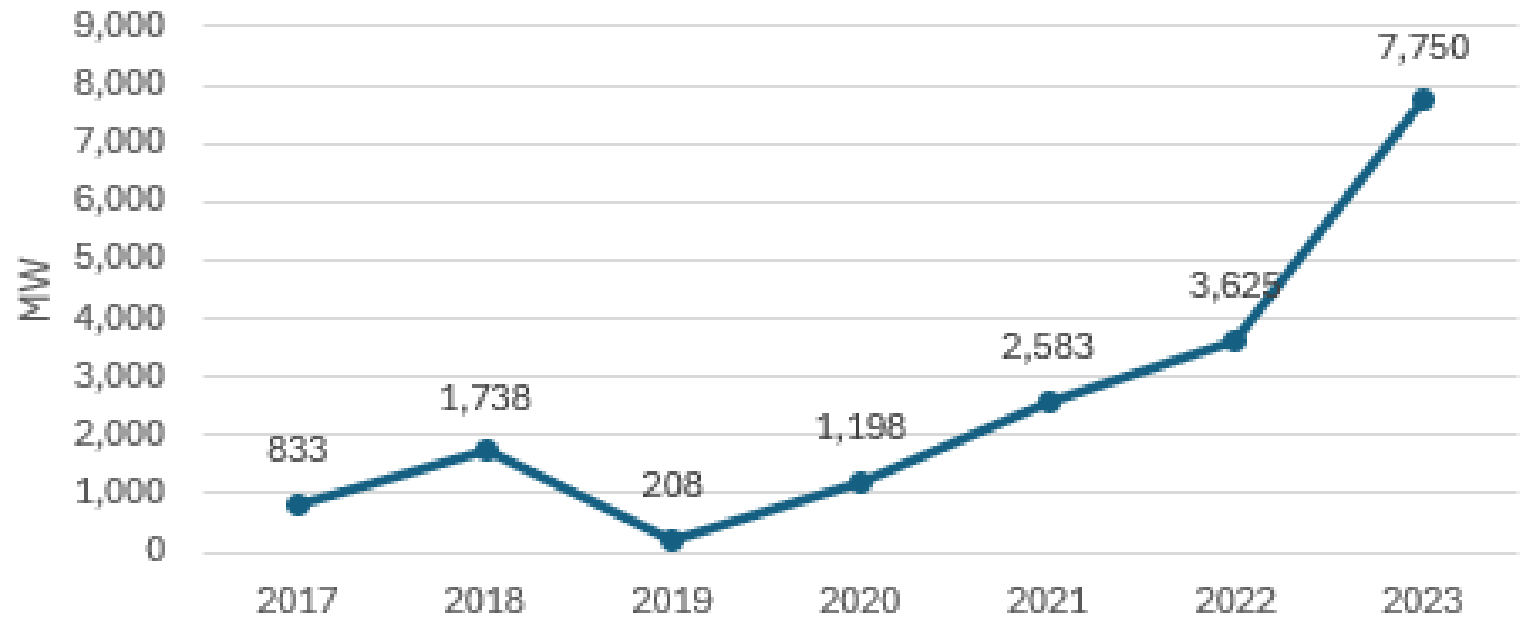




# Line & Load Interconnection Queue Activity

- Largest demand for growth around the system include Central Oregon, Umatilla, Pend Oreille, Hillsboro/Forest Grove, Longview/Cowlitz, Tri-Cities
- Five customers are forecasting 10-year load growth between 100% - 375%

## LLI Requests: Total MW/year

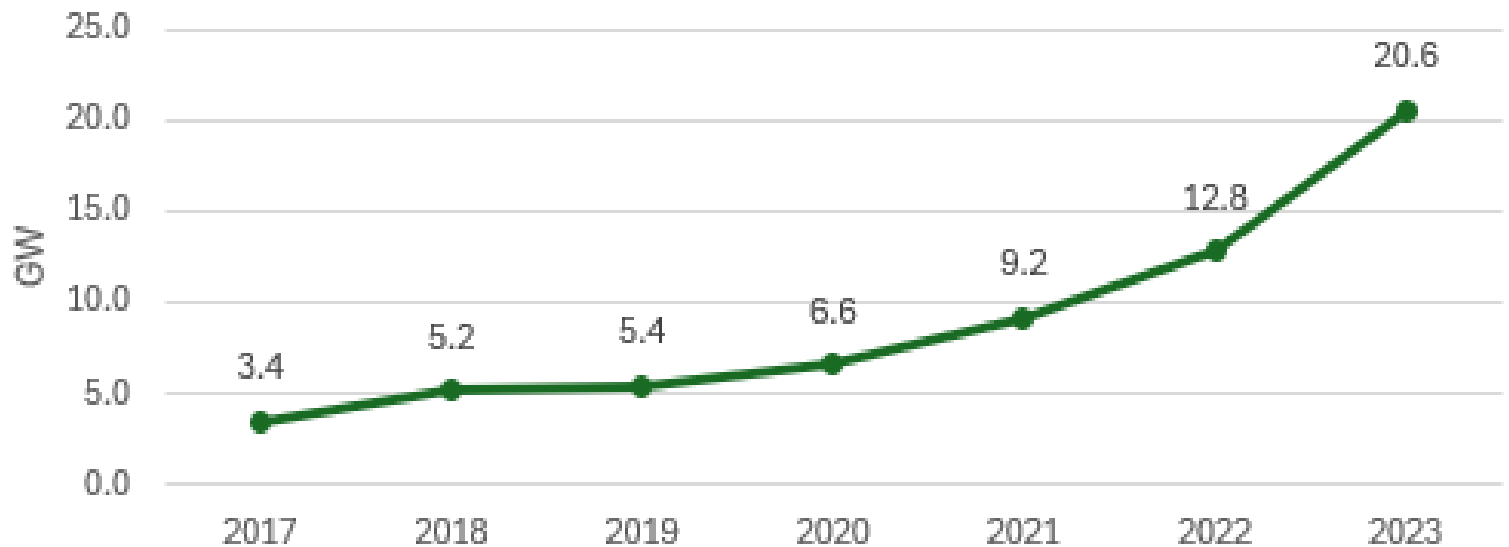


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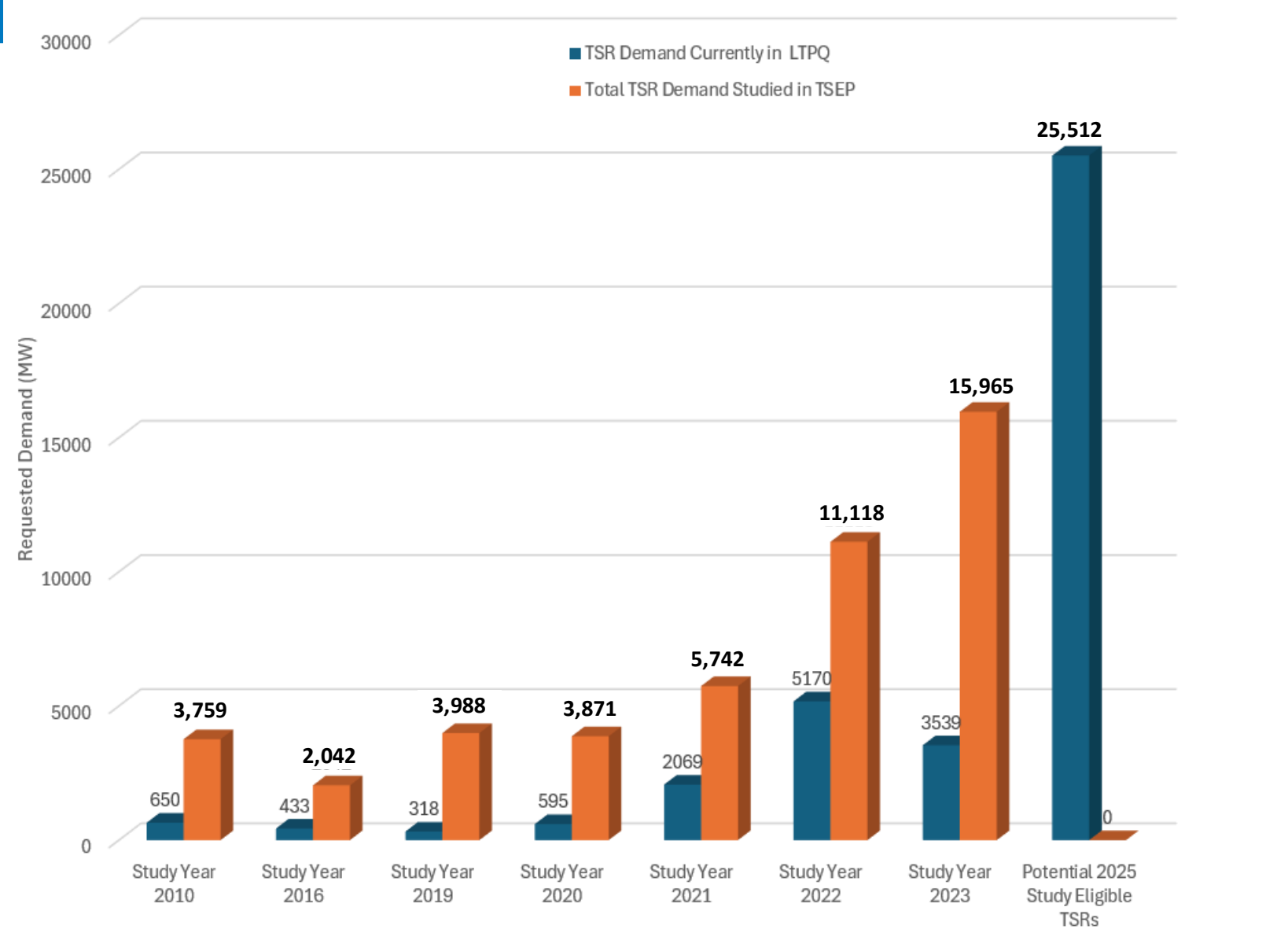
- 20.6 GW represents all GW in LLI Queue
- Five customers representing approximately 10 GW of queue volume

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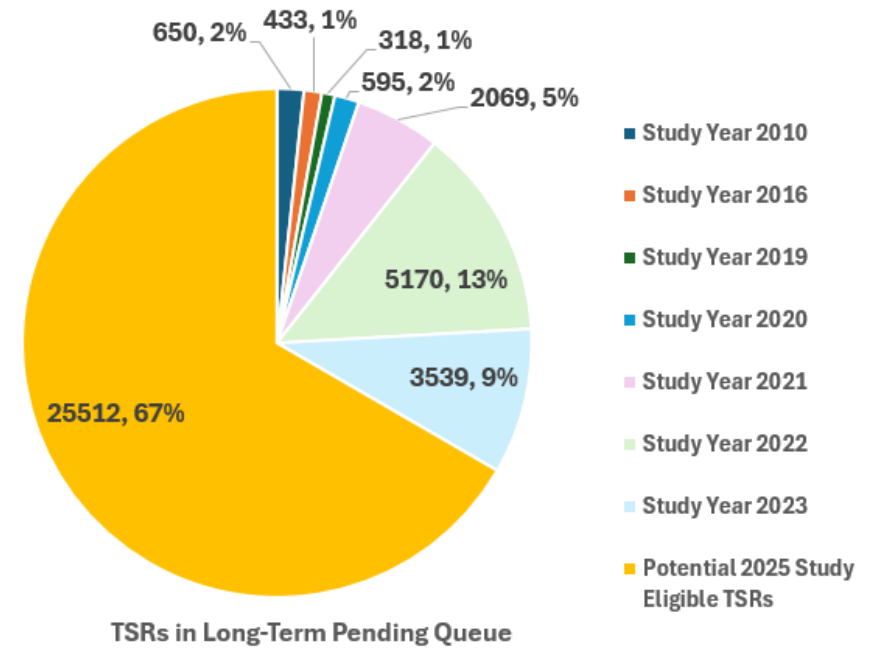


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# TSEP: TSR Demand & Study Overview



- TSR Demand currently in the LTPQ includes SIS TSRs for 450 MW
- Totals exclude AC, DC and Montana Intertie requests
- TSRs with Follow-on requests only counted once



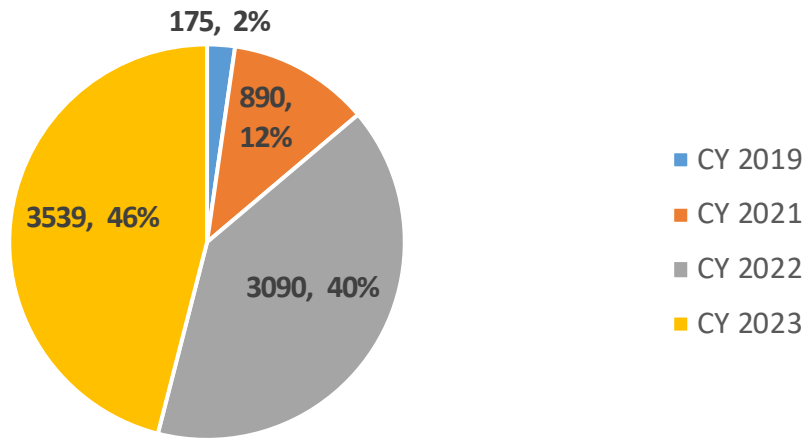
# Transmission Service Request (TSR) Analysis & TSEP Cluster Study Update

*Transmission Planning*

*5/3/24 Snapshot*

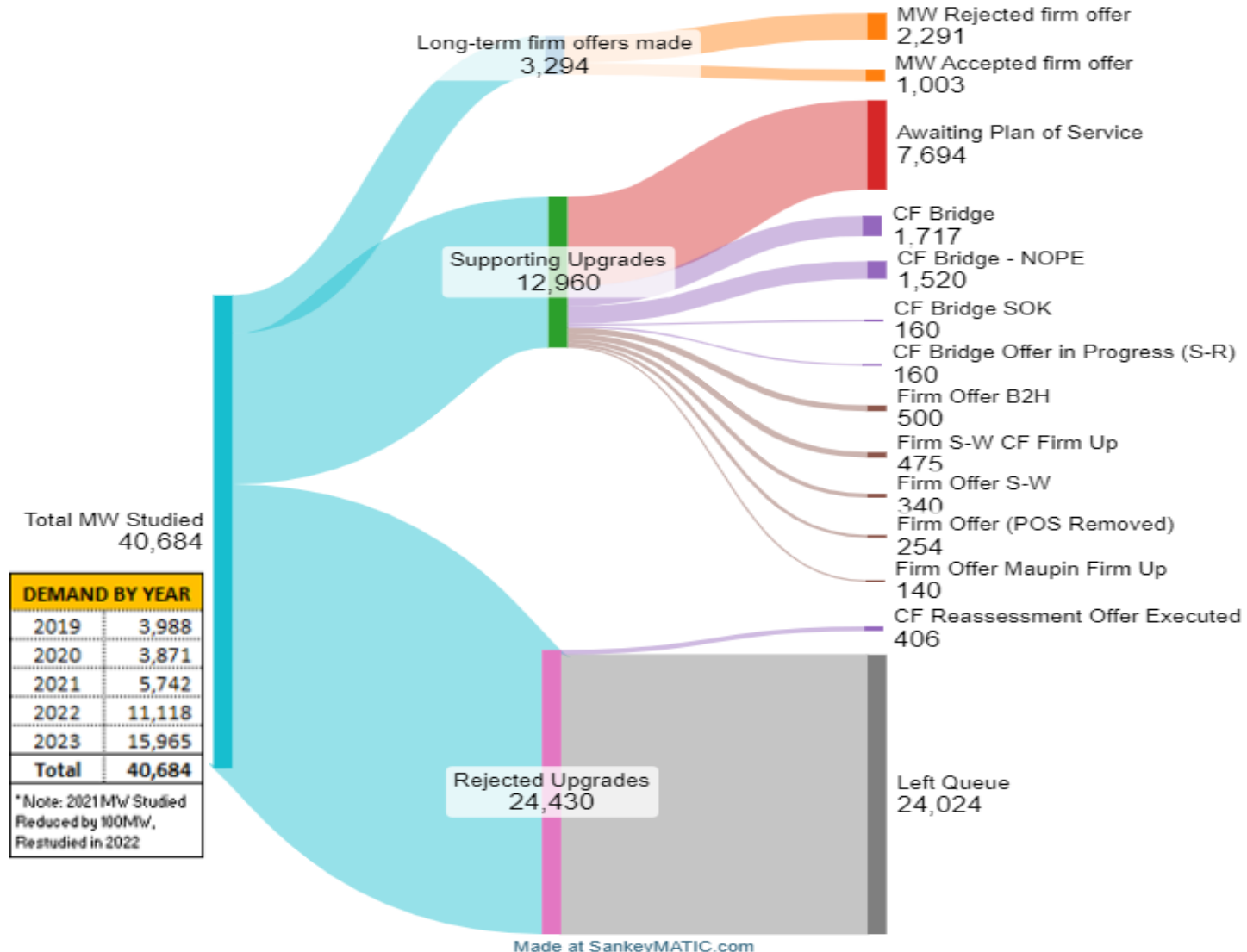
# 2019-2023 Cluster Study TSRs

Demand (MW) Awaiting Plan of Service by Study Year



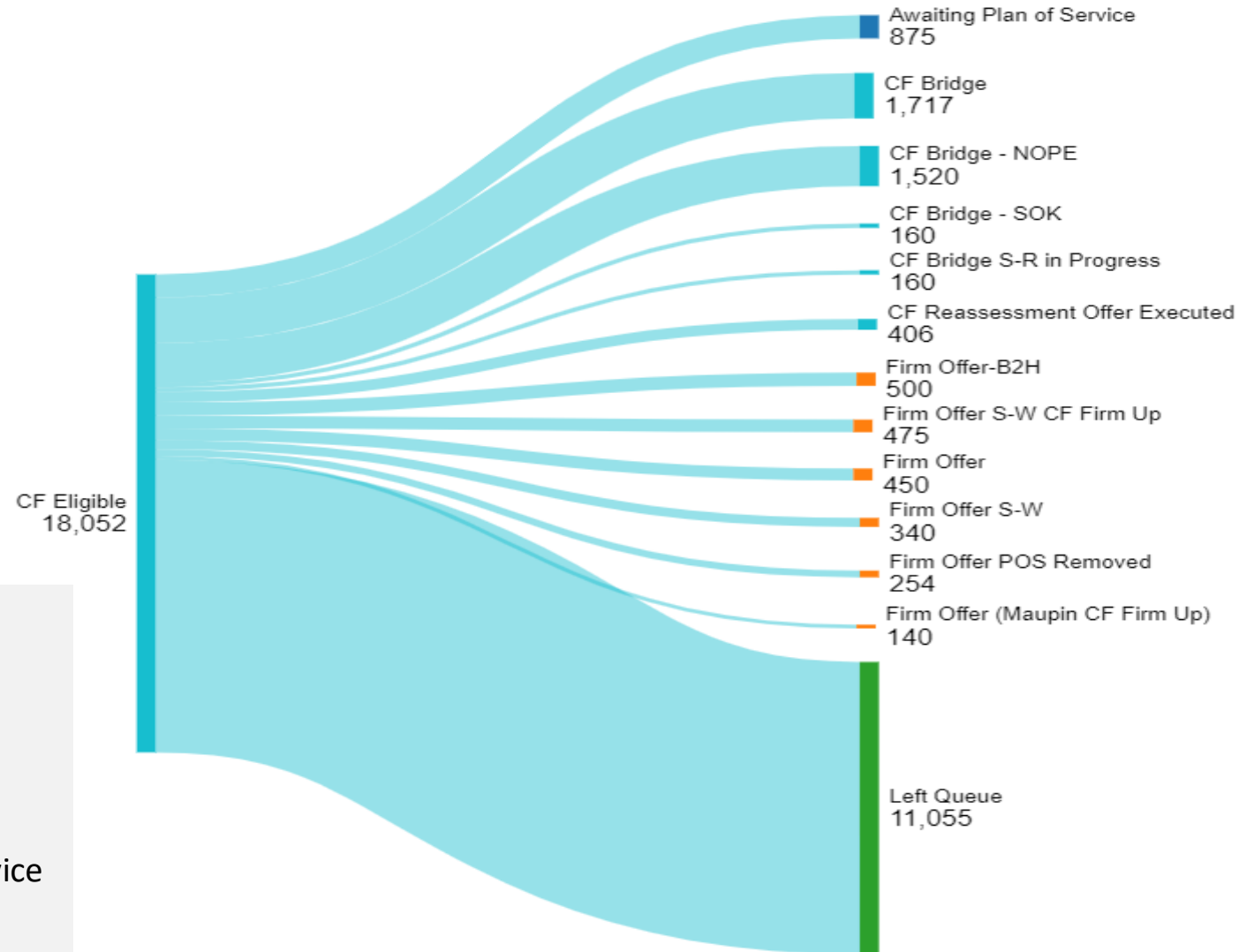
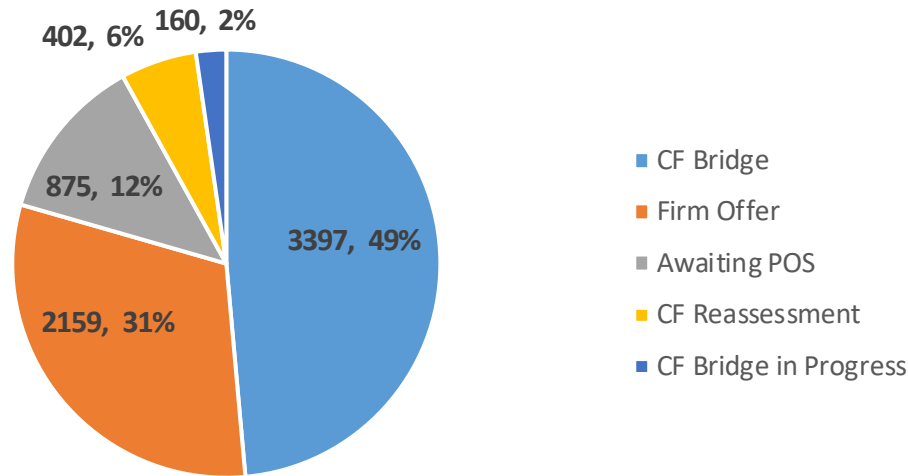
Of the 14,369MW that remain in the queue:

- 54% are Awaiting a Plan of Service (7,694 MW)
- 46% are taking or being offered Firm or Conditional Firm Service (6,675 MW)
  - 2,712 MW are taking Firm Service
  - 3,397 MW are taking Bridge Conditional Firm Service
  - 406 MW are taking CF Reassessment Conditional Firm Service
  - 160 MW have a Bridge Conditional Firm Service offer in progress



# 2019-2023 Conditional Firm TSR Status

CF Eligible TSRs that are Taking or Awaiting Service

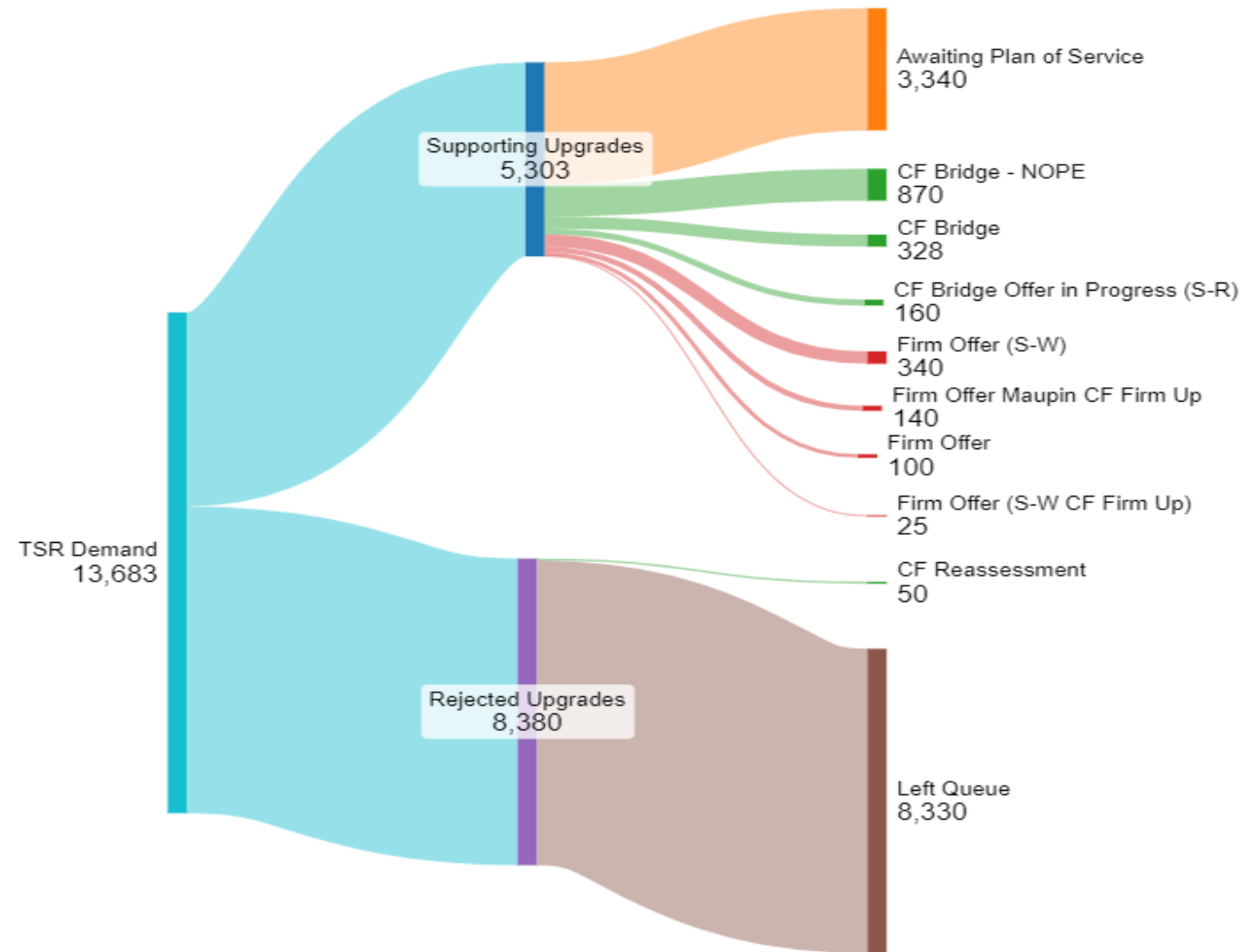
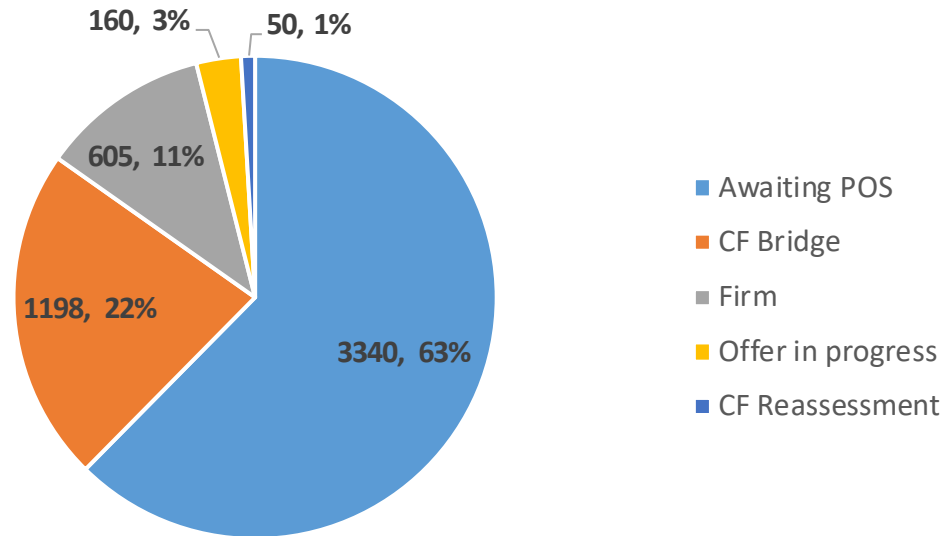


Of the 6,993 MW eligible for CF that did not leave the queue:

- 13% are Awaiting a Plan of Service (875 MW)
- 87% are taking or being offered Firm or Conditional Firm Service (6,118 MW)
  - 2,159 MW are taking Firm Service
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# 2019-2023 Cluster Study TSR Status to Portland Area Sinks

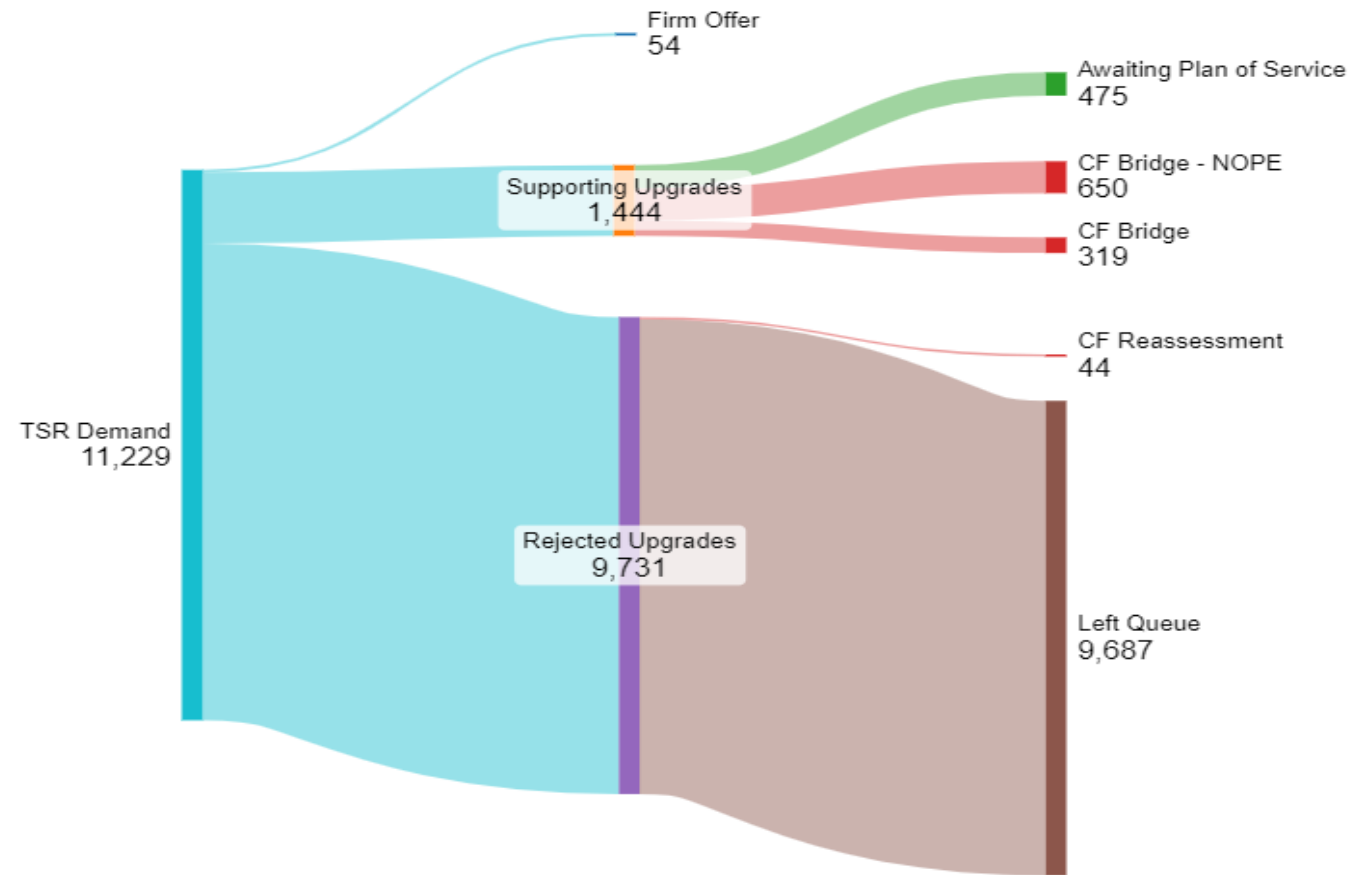
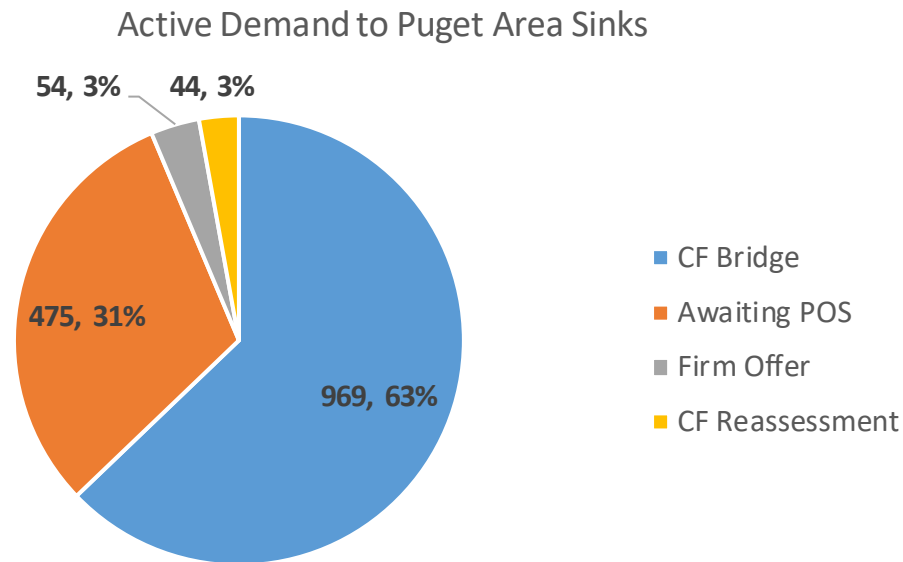
Active TSR Demand to Portland Area Sinks



Of the 5,353 MW eligible for CF that did not leave the queue:

- 62% are Awaiting a Plan of Service (3340 MW)
- 38% are taking or being offered Firm or Conditional Firm Service (2,013 MW)
  - 605 MW are taking Firm Service
  - 1,198 MW are taking Bridge Conditional Firm Service
  - 50 MW are taking CF Reassessment Conditional Firm Service
  - 160 MW have a Bridge Conditional Firm Service offer in progress

# 2019-2023 Cluster Study TSR Status to Puget Sound Area Sinks

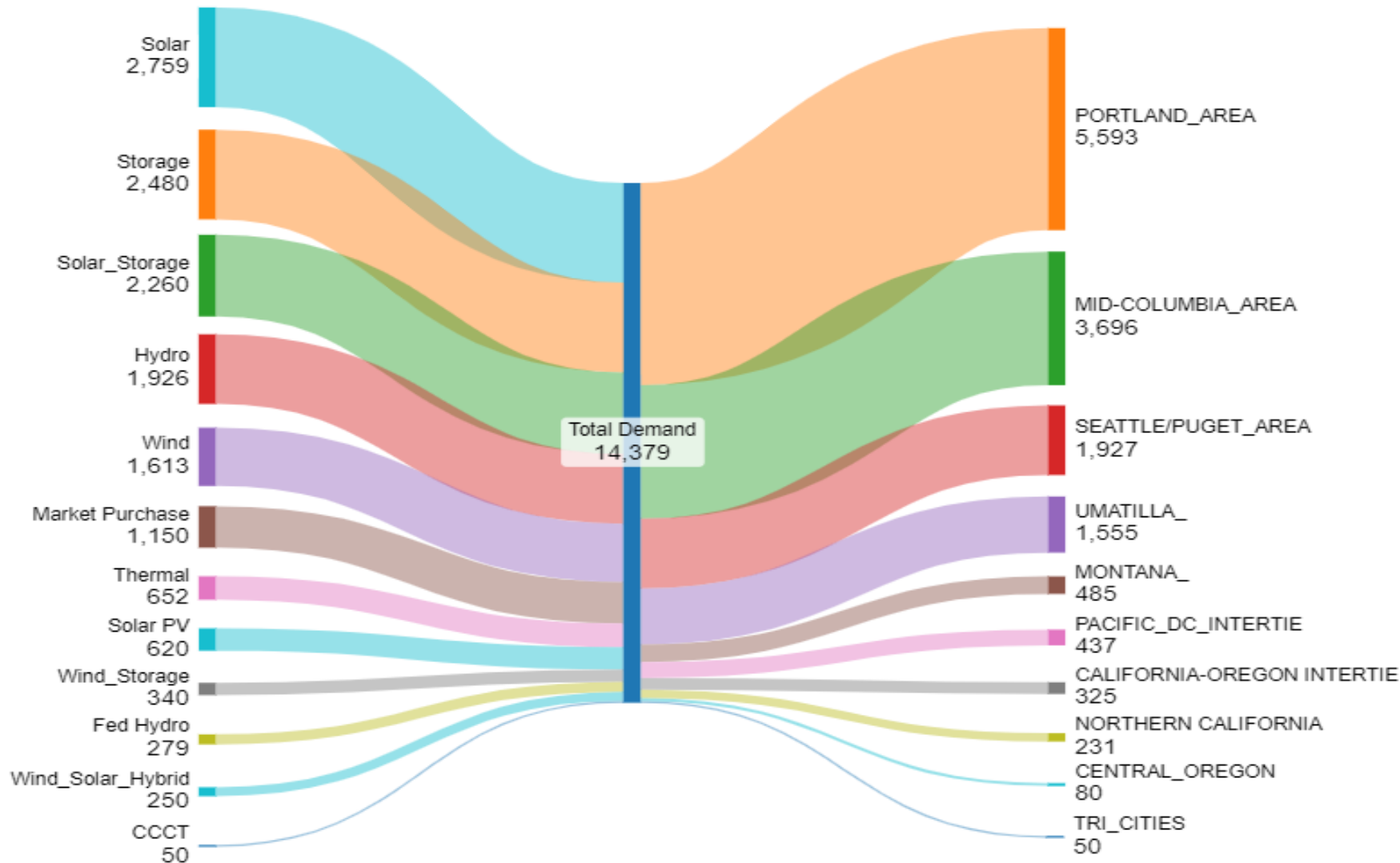


Of the 1,542 MW that did not leave the queue:

- 31% are Awaiting a Plan of Service (969 MW)
- 69% are taking Firm Conditional Firm Service (1,067 MW)
  - 969 MW are taking Bridge Conditional Firm Service
  - 54 MW are taking Firm Service
  - 44 MW are taking CF Reassessment Conditional Firm Service



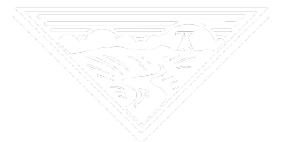
# 2019-2023 Cluster and Individual Study Demand of Resource Type to Geographic Sink



- Portland Area includes PGE Sink, Clark, and Forest Grove
- Seattle/Puget Area includes Puget Sinks, Seattle Sinks, and Snohomish Sink
- This includes TSRs that have elected Firm, CF, or Awaiting PoS in queue

# 2023 TSEP Cluster Study

*Transmission Long-term Planning*



# 2023 TSEP Cluster Study Results

## 2023 Totals Advanced

164 TSRs  
18 Customers  
11,321 MWs

PEA Not Funded*		
# of Customers	# of TSRs	MWs
13	116	7792

ESAs in Progress		
# of Customers	# of TSRs	MWs
1	3	280

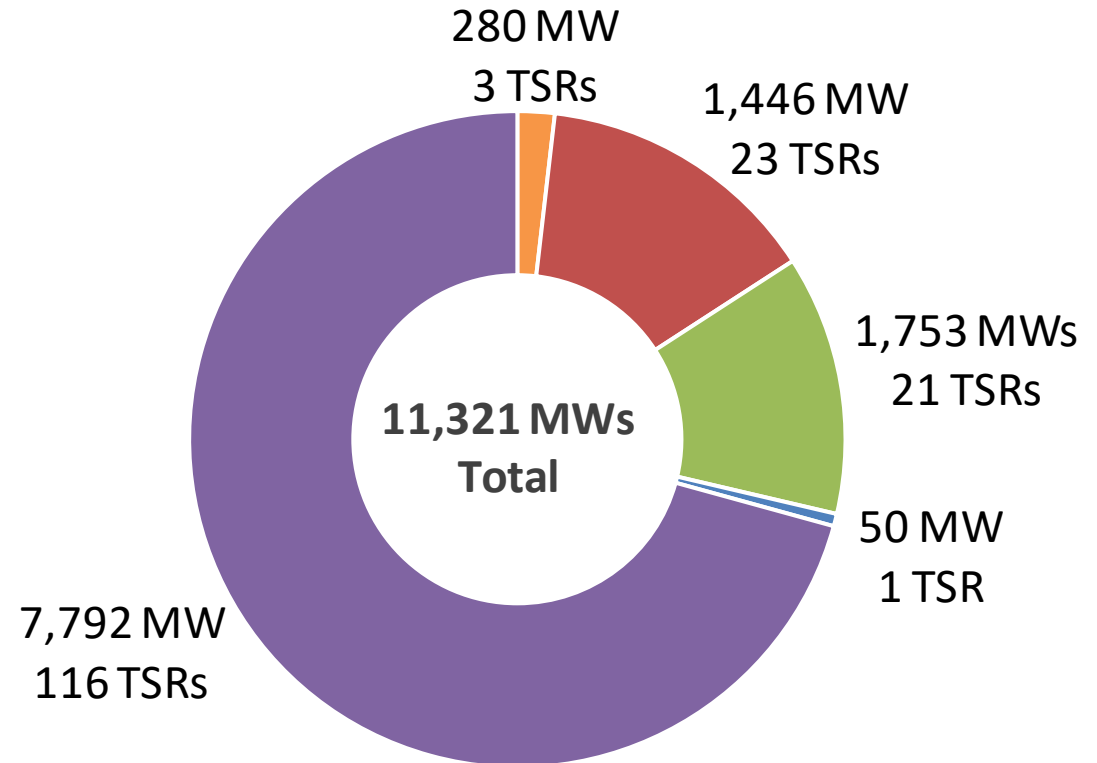
Hold for Hood River		
# of Customers	# of TSRs	MWs
4	23	1446

PEA Executed and Funded		
# of Customers	# of TSRs	MWs
5	21	1753

Reassessment Offer		
# of Customers	# of TSRs	MWs
1	1	50

\*Includes PEAs Not Funded, PEA Not Funded and ESA not due, and Withdrawn categories

## Total MW and TSRs count



# Projects Advancing/Funding Levels

Projects with Funding to Advance in TSEP				
Project	Scoping Cost	MWs Funded	Funding Received	Amount Under Funded
Schultz-Olympia #1 500 kV	\$9,000,000	250	\$629,018	\$8,371,000
North of Pearl 500 kV Upgrade	\$5,219,000	450	\$372,785	\$4,846,000
North of Marion Upgrade #1	\$10,000,000	450	\$673,452	\$9,327,000
North of Marion Upgrade #2	\$25,000	450	\$1,967	\$23,000
Reno-Alturas Reactive Addition	\$300,000	153	\$300,000	\$0
North of Grizzly 500 kV (S>N)	\$10,000,000	300	\$1,683,501	\$8,316,000
Central Oregon 500 kV Dynamic Reactive Upgrades	\$5,000,000	550	\$2,291,669	\$2,708,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$39,544,000</b>	<b>2,603</b>	<b>\$5,952,390</b>	<b>\$33,591,000</b>

Projects NOT Funded to Advance in TSEP	
Project	Scoping Cost
Coulee-Columbia-Schultz 500 kV	\$7,000,000
McNary-Stanfield-La Grande 230 kV line*	\$7,500,000
Big Eddy-Redmond 230 kV Upgrade*	\$7,500,000
Southern Oregon Coast 500kV Upgrade #2	\$7,500,000
Garrison-Ashe (GASH)	\$120,500,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$150,000,000</b>

\*Customers withdrew prior to offering PEAs

BPA Funded Projects
Pearl – Marion #1 500 kV (replace 2.5” EXP conductor)
Pearl-Keeler #1 500 kV Reconductor
Ostrander – Pearl#1 500kV (replace 2.5” EXP conductor)
Hood River Upgrade
Ostrander – Pearl#1 500kV (replace 2.5” EXP conductor)
Covington 500/230 Bank Addition
Vantage-Schultz 500kV reconductor

# Next Steps

- Evaluate projects to determine which are needed for the benefit of the region. (See Bifurcated Commercial Model presentation)
- Plan for the 2025 TSEP Cluster Study
  - Team is developing a strategy to run a 2025 TSEP CS
  - The queue is already at 25 GW

# Bifurcated Commercial Model

*How a Commercial Upgrade Becomes an Evolving Grid Project (EGP)*



# Disclaimers

- Construction of transmission and transmission expansion projects is subject to the Administrators discretion and completion of environmental compliance.
  - This includes commercially driven projects in the TSR Study and Expansion Process (TSEP)
- This discussion is to share as much information as possible without placing limits on the ability of the administrator to respond to the needs of the region and the dynamic industry landscape.
- This is the process, decisions, and timelines BPA envisions but any of these could change as needs arise.

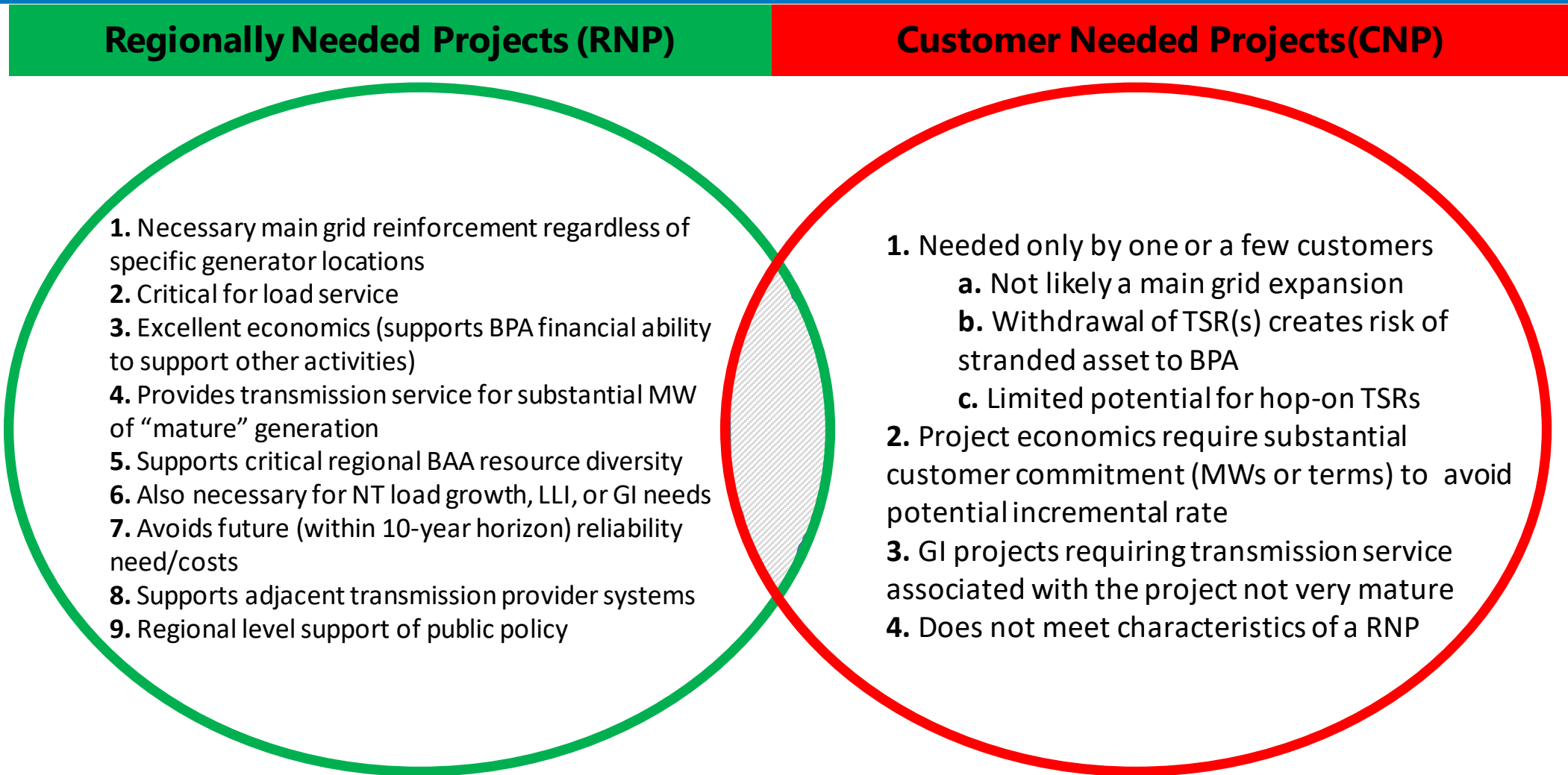
# In-flight TSEP Projects (Prior to the 2023 TSEP CS)

Customer Needed Projects			
Projects	# of Cust.	TSRs	MW
CCN: Schultz-Raver Caps	11	74	2,604
Montana to Washington	2	4	320
SOC: WS-RAS	1	4	300
Subgrid: 2nd Transformer at Central Ferry	1	1	51
Subgrid: Central Or Reinforcement 500 kV	1	8	800
Subgrid: Central Or South 230	1	8	800
Subgrid: LaPine Shunt Caps	1	8	99
Subgrid: LaPine Transformer	1	2	14
Subgrid: Monroe-Novely	1	6	600
Subgrid: Southern Oregon Coast	1	12	1,600

Regionally Needed Projects			
Projects	# of Cust.	TSRs	MW
CCN: Schultz-Raver Reinforcement	6	31	3,140
CCS: Big Eddy-Chemawa 500kV Rebuild	6	31	3,140
R-P: Covington-Chehalis 230kV Rebuild	4	16	1,790
SOA: Ross-Rivergate 230kV Rebuild	5	36	3,570
Subgrid: Rock Creek-John Day	2	14	630
Subgrid: Pearl-Sherwood-McLoughlin	13	91	5,504
Reliability Projects			
NOEL: PSAST (aka PSANI)	6	47	1,294
SOA: Schultz-Wautoma	14	69	5,229



# Characteristics that may Differentiate Projects



## Regionally Needed Projects (RNP)

1. Necessary main grid reinforcement regardless of specific generator locations
2. Critical for load service
3. Excellent economics (supports BPA financial ability to support other activities)
4. Provides transmission service for substantial MW of “mature” generation
5. Supports critical regional BAA resource diversity
6. Also necessary for NT load growth, LLI, or GI needs
7. Avoids future (within 10-year horizon) reliability need/costs
8. Supports adjacent transmission provider systems
9. Regional level support of public policy

## Customer Needed Projects(CNP)

1. Needed only by one or a few customers
  - a. Not likely a main grid expansion
  - b. Withdrawal of TSR(s) creates risk of stranded asset to BPA
  - c. Limited potential for hop-on TSRs
2. Project economics require substantial customer commitment (MWs or terms) to avoid potential incremental rate
3. GI projects requiring transmission service associated with the project not very mature
4. Does not meet characteristics of a RNP

**For each project, the characteristics and their importance is at the discretion of the BPA Administrator. 49**

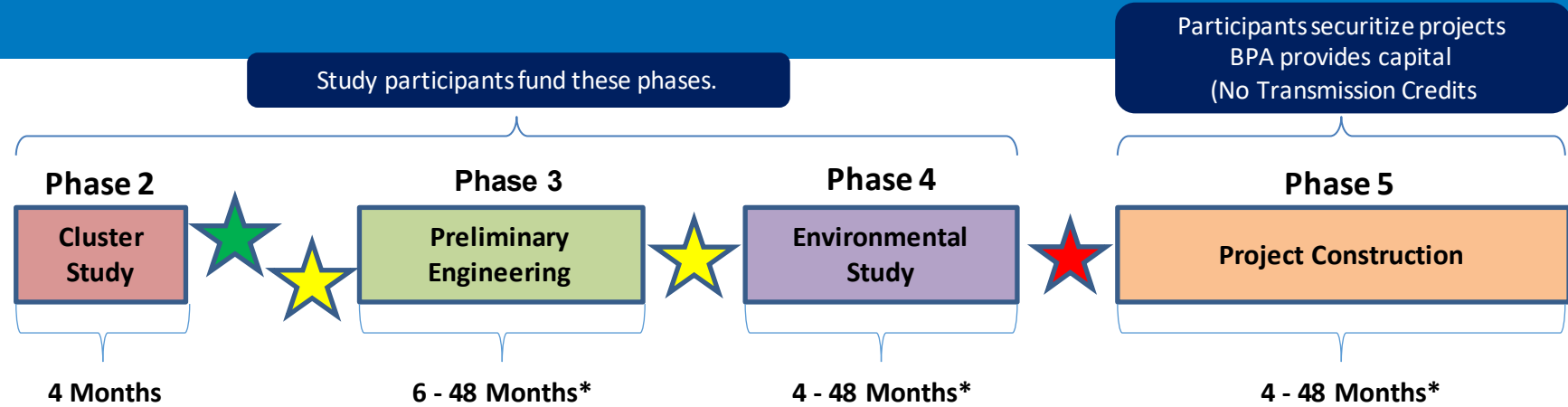
# Project Decisions

- Extent of customer funding for Preliminary Engineering/Scoping (0 – 100%)
- Extent of customer funding for Environmental Study and Design (0 – 100%)
- Extent of required securitization (0 – 100% of direct project costs, assigned to TSRs on a per MW share basis)
- Announcing an initial intention to make BPA capital funding available, subject to environmental compliance can be done early, or at point up to post-completion of NEPA, must be done prior to offer of contracts.
- Embed project costs for the initial rate proposal

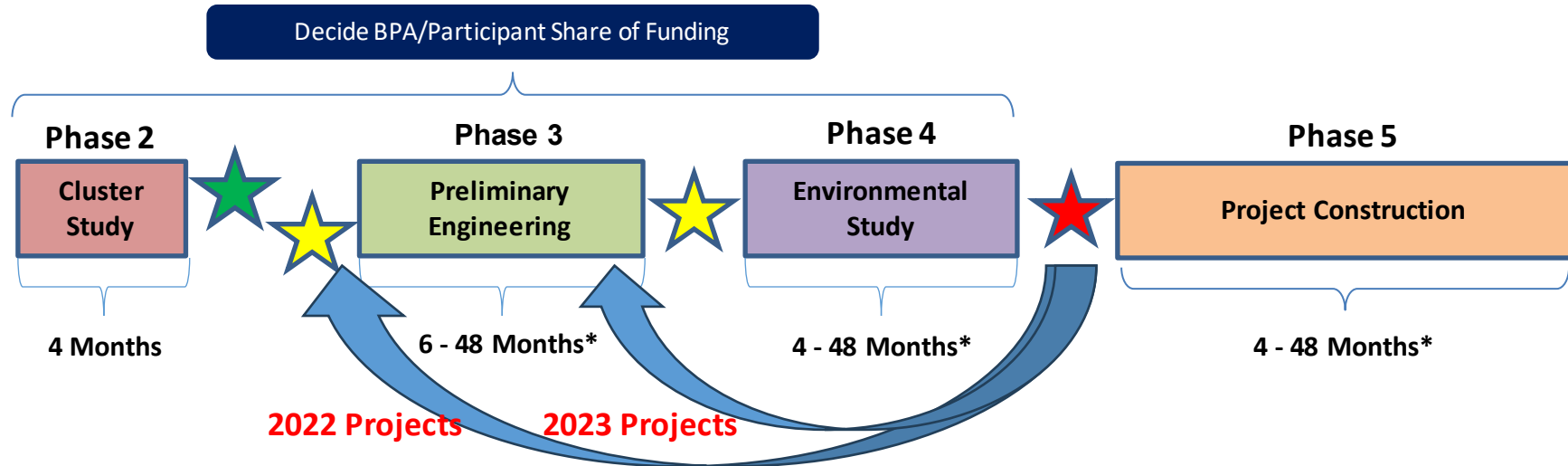
2022 TSEP CS Regional Need Project Decisions	
Item	Decision
Preliminary Engineering Costs	Customer Pay's 100%
Environmental Review	Customer Pay's 100%
Securitization	Not Required
BPA Capital Funding	Early Capital if Needed
Embed Costs for Initial Proposal	Yes

# Decision Timing

**Track A**  
Customer Needed  
Expansion Projects  
(TSEP Status Quo)



**Track B**  
Regionally Needed  
Expansion Projects



Key Takeaway: Decisions of critical importance to regional stakeholders for the 2023 TSEP CS Regionally Needed Projects will occur late in the Preliminary Engineering Phase.

# Next Steps

- In the previous presentation we shared the projects that are advancing in the TSEP Process
- BPA will begin evaluating the projects to see if any fit our characteristics of a Regionally Needed Project.
  - BPA anticipates making project decisions late in the PEA phase of TSEP.
  - Decisions about projects will be communicated to customers and used to guide customer engagement.
- There will be continued use of the historical customer-driven TSEP process for Customer Needs Projects.
- All decisions for transmission and system expansion are at the sole discretion of BPA's Administrator.

# Regional Study on 2040 Decarbonization Milestones

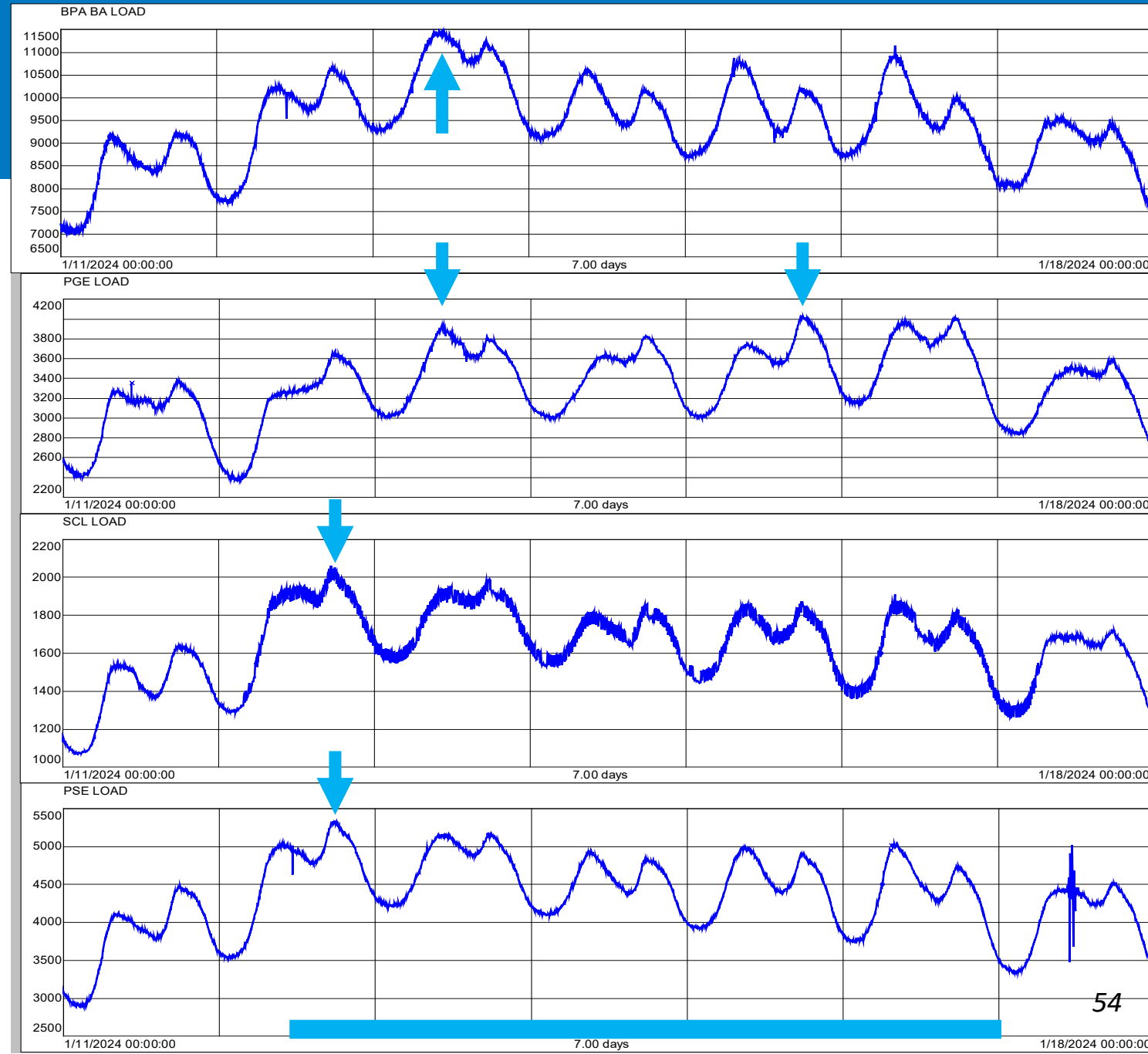


# January 12-17 Winter Storm in Pacific Northwest

Extreme cold temperatures were observed in the Pacific Northwest from January 12 to 16, 2024

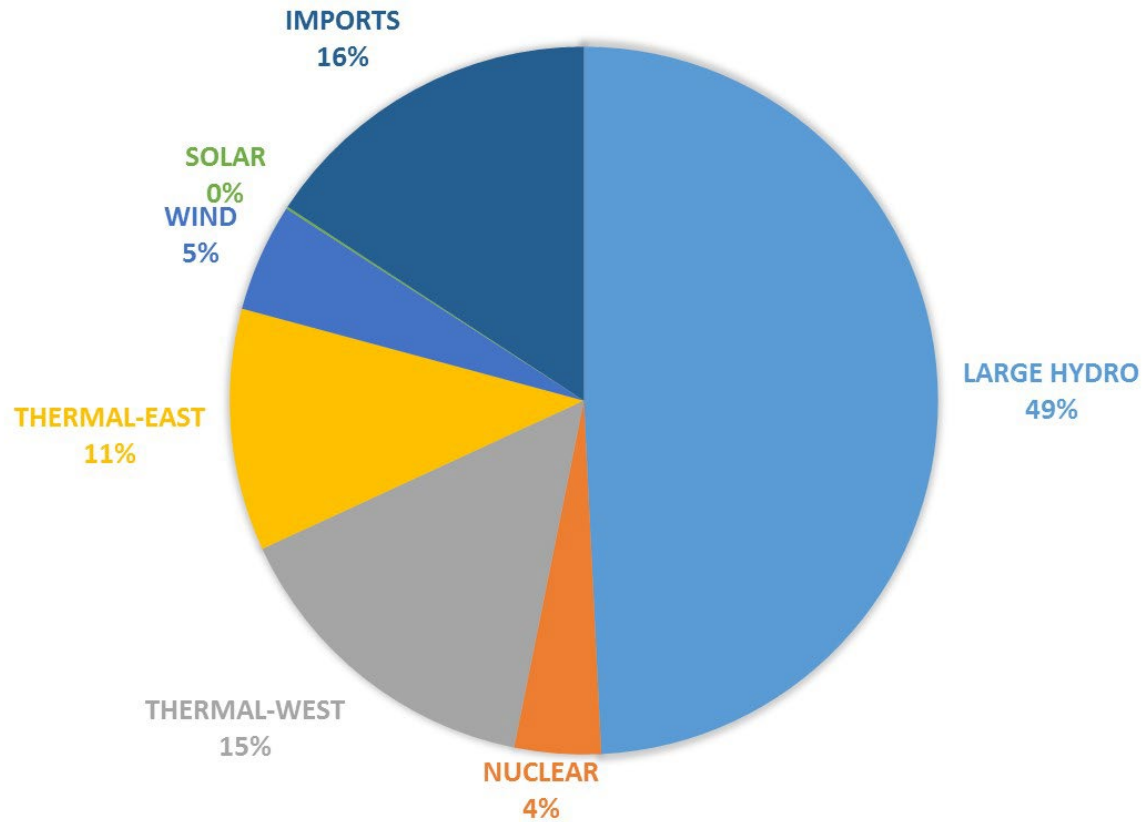
BPA, PSE and SCL experienced record loads, fortunately at different times (pointed by arrows)

Most of cold snap occurred over the weekend, which helped with net demand

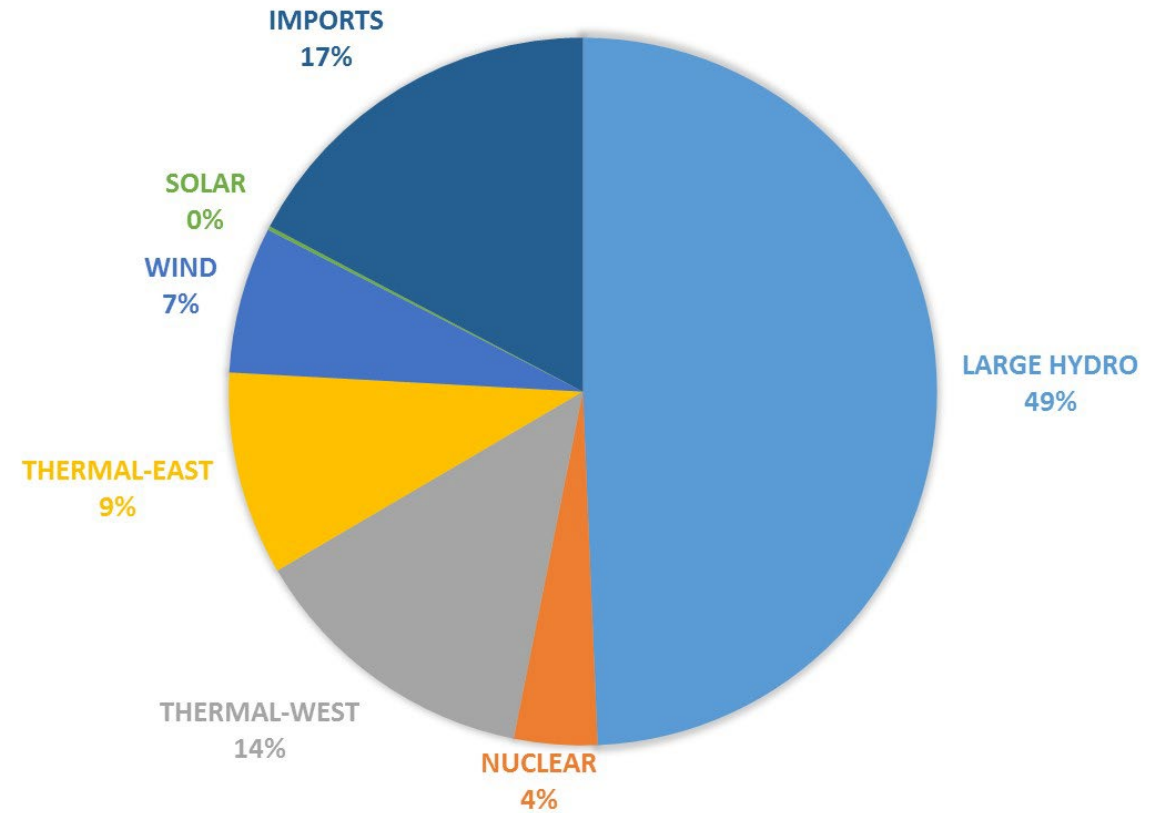


# Generation Mix During Peak Hours (1 of 2)

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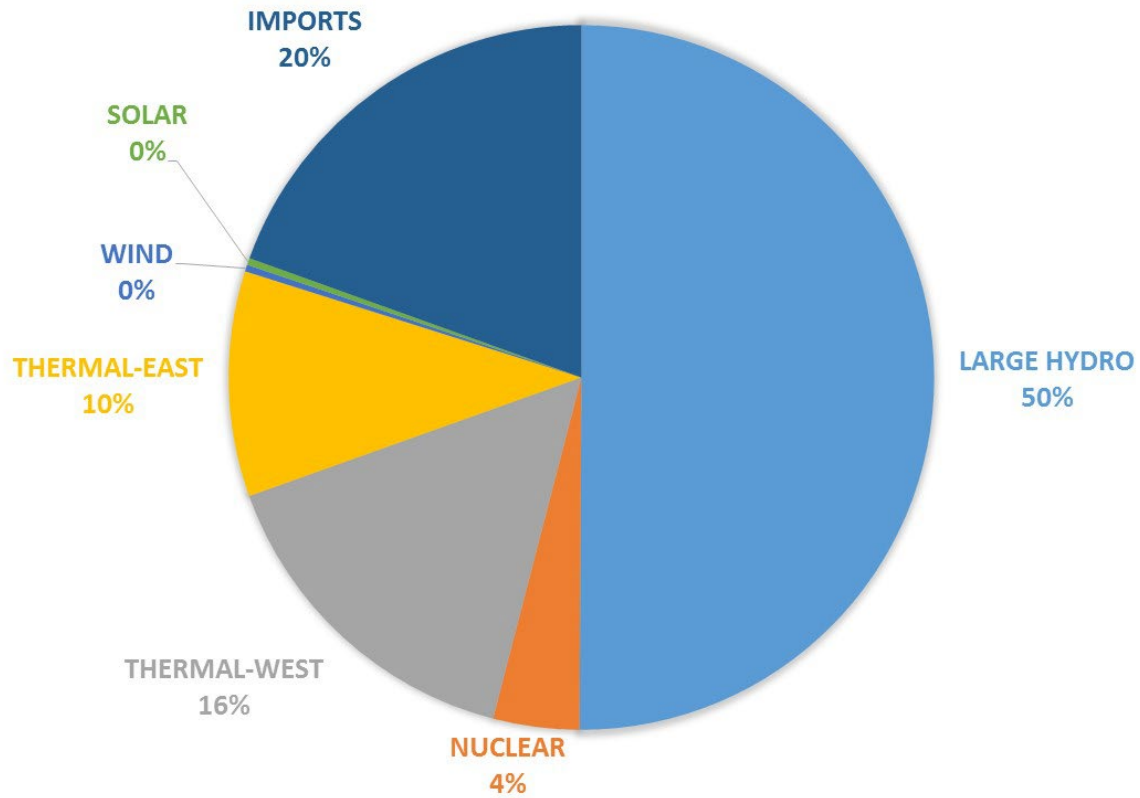
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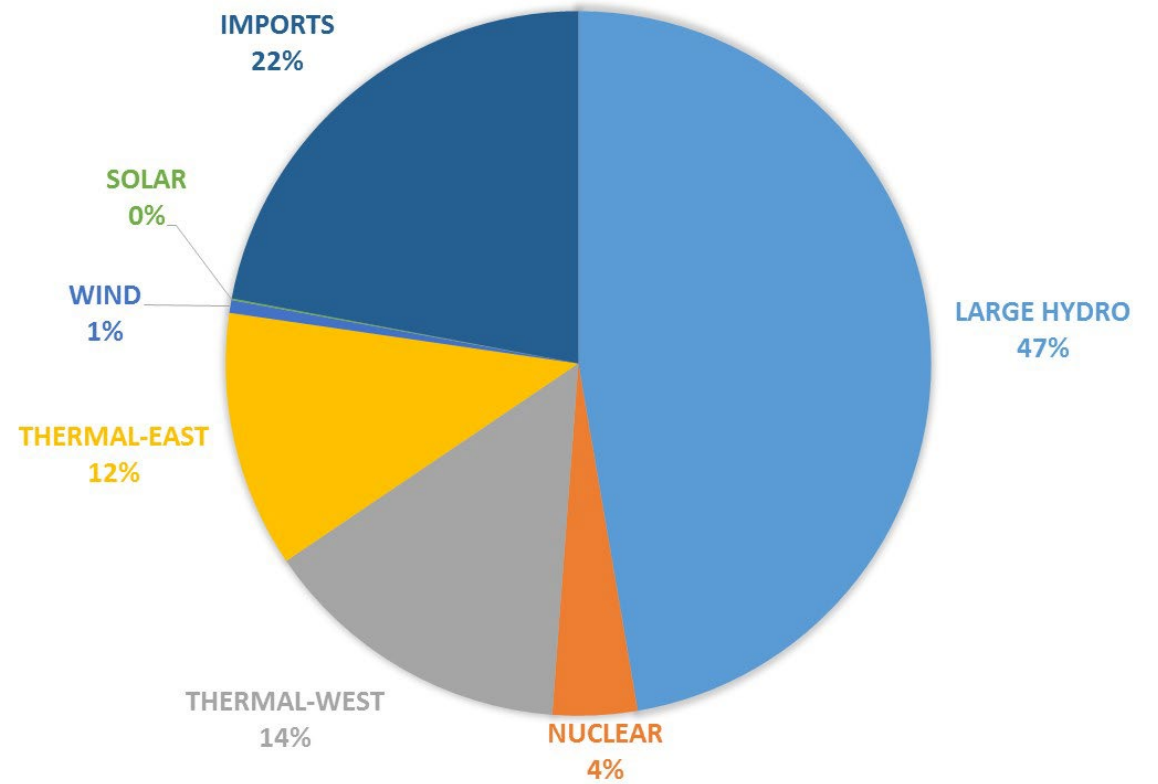
Low NW and NW solar generation and high imports during peak load hours

# Generation Mix During Peak Hours (2 of 2)

1/15/2024 8:30



1/16/2024 8:00



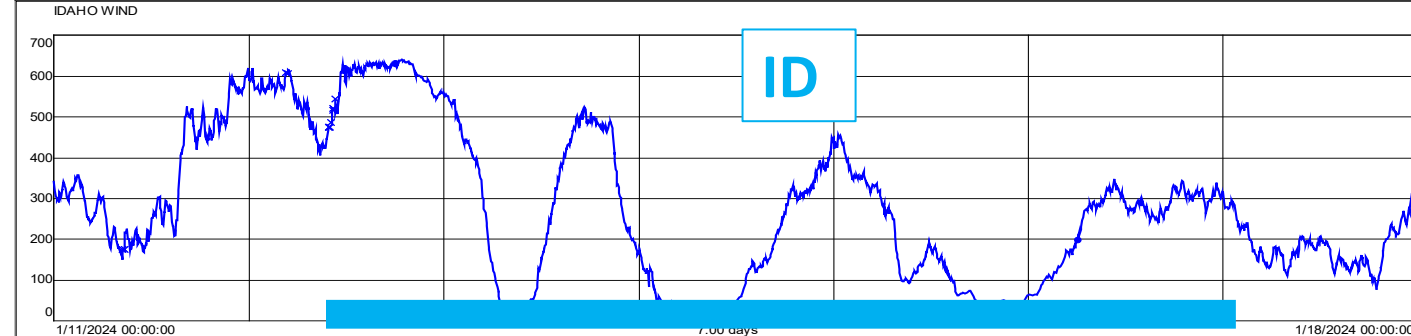
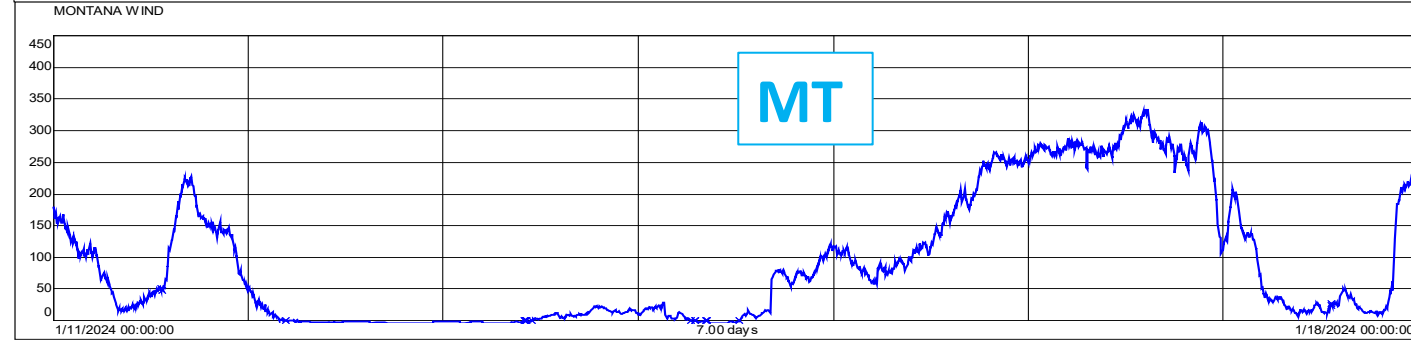
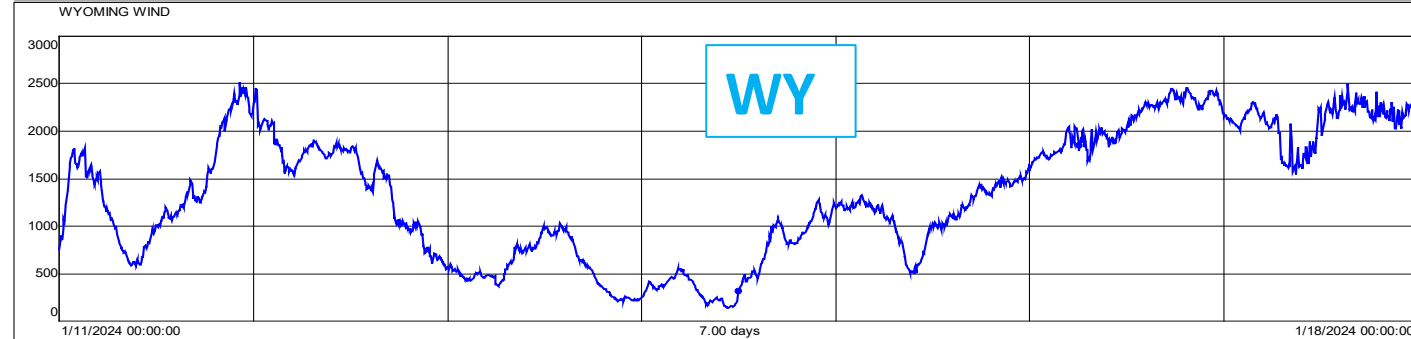
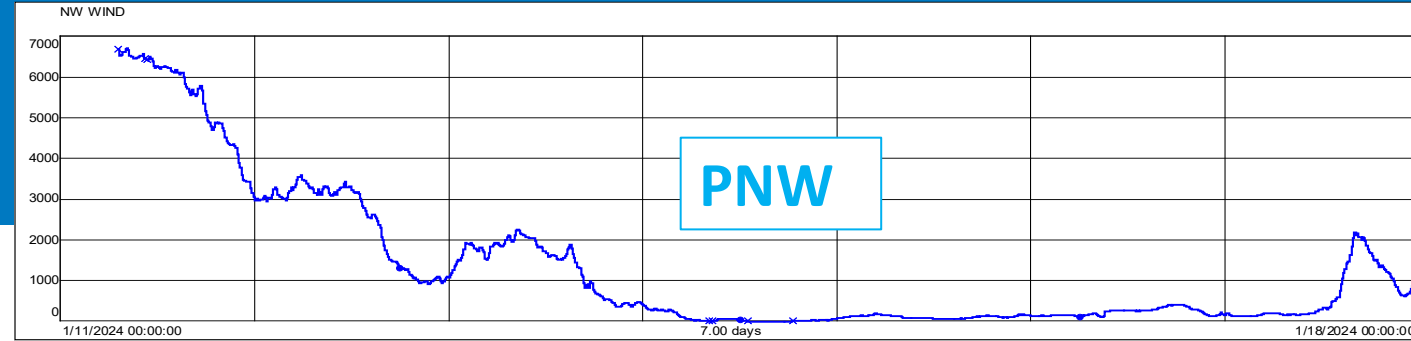
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# Wind

Northwest land-based wind generation reduced to zero as extreme cold progressed

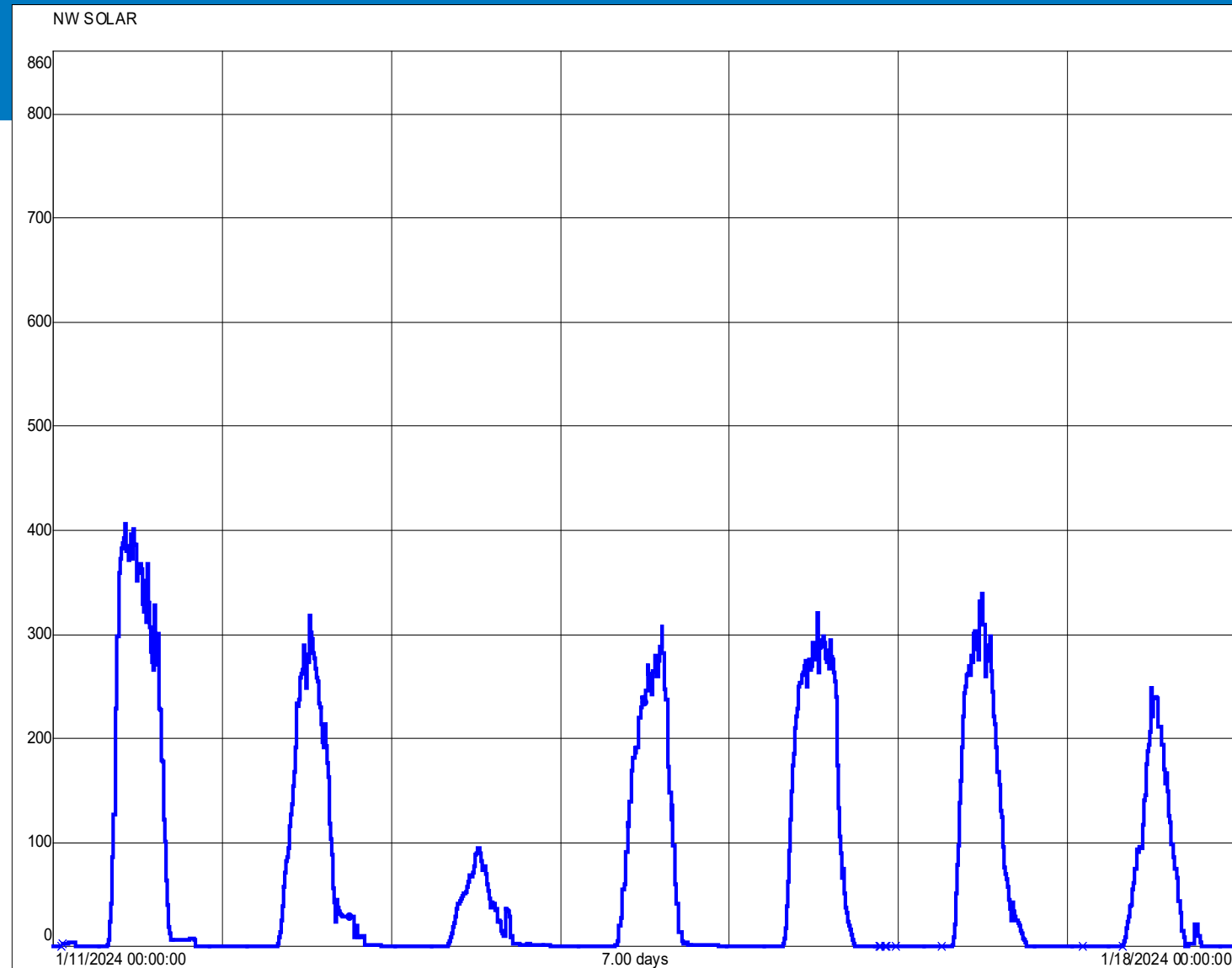
There was some diversity in wind across Western states, but there were periods of very low wind generation across the wider area

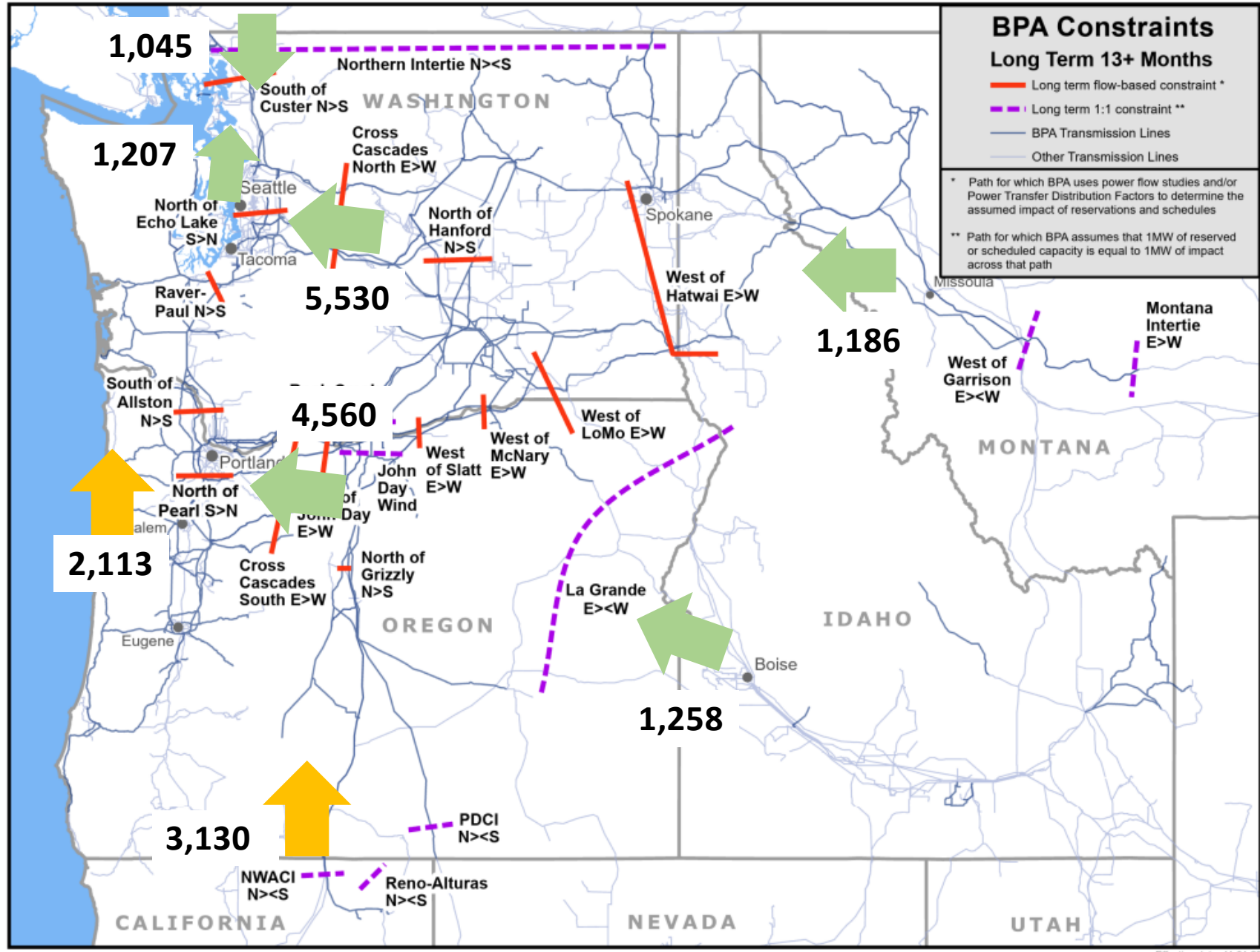


# NW Solar

Northwest solar power plants operated at very low capacity factor during the winter storm

- Y-axis scale is maximum generation observed in June 2023
- This plot is sum of solar generation in Avista, Avangrid, BPA, PacifiCorp West and PSE Balancing Authorities

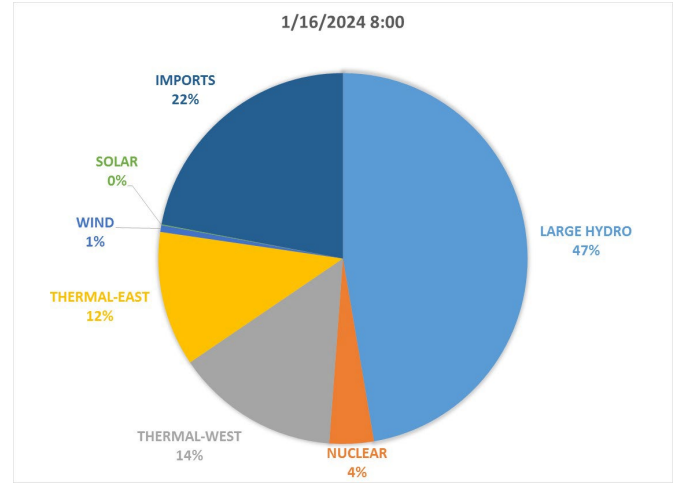


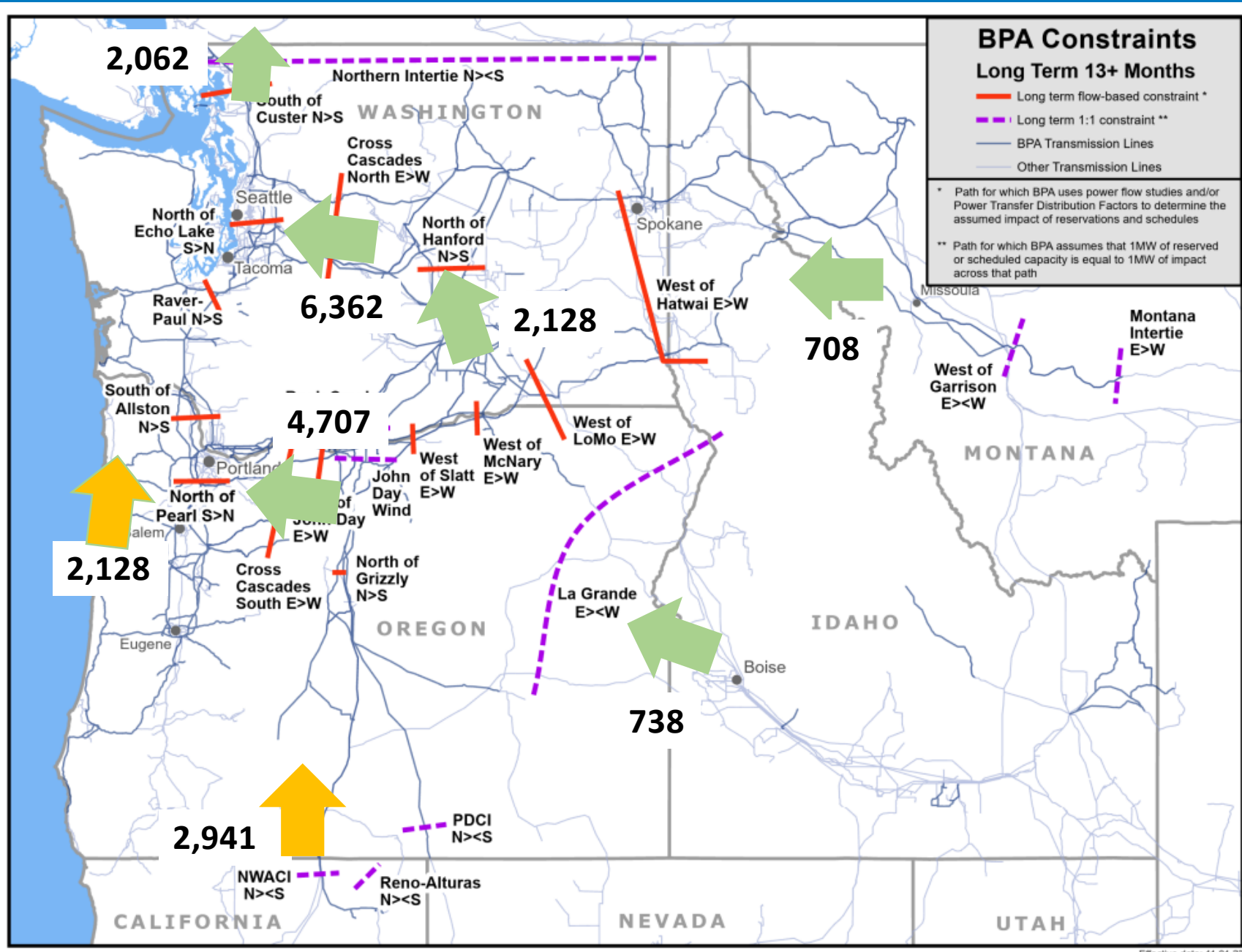


## WINTER

Snapshot at 8:00 on January 16

- High imports from California, Idaho, Montana and BC
- High South to North flows on the I5 corridor





## SUMMER

Snapshot at 14:00 on July 5, 2023

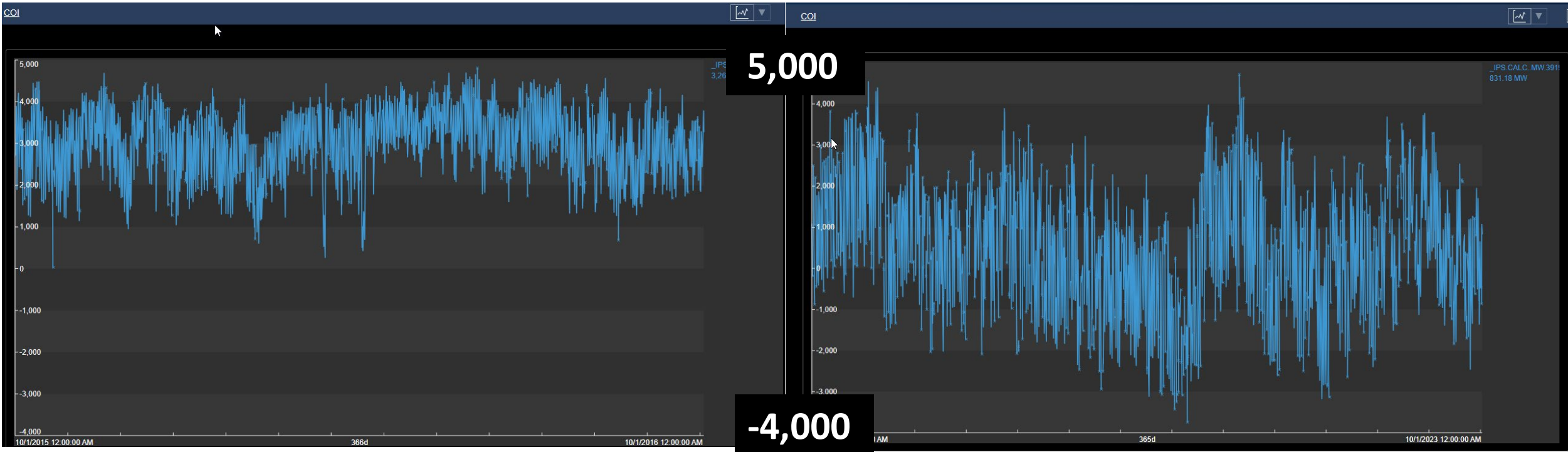
- PNW overall remains winter peaking by about 4 GW, but increasingly more areas become summer peaking
- The region's transmission is more constrained in summer

# Increase in South to North Flows

2016

NWACI Flows

2023



*State of California had a total of 46,874 MW of solar capacity installed at the end of 2023 (including rooftop)*

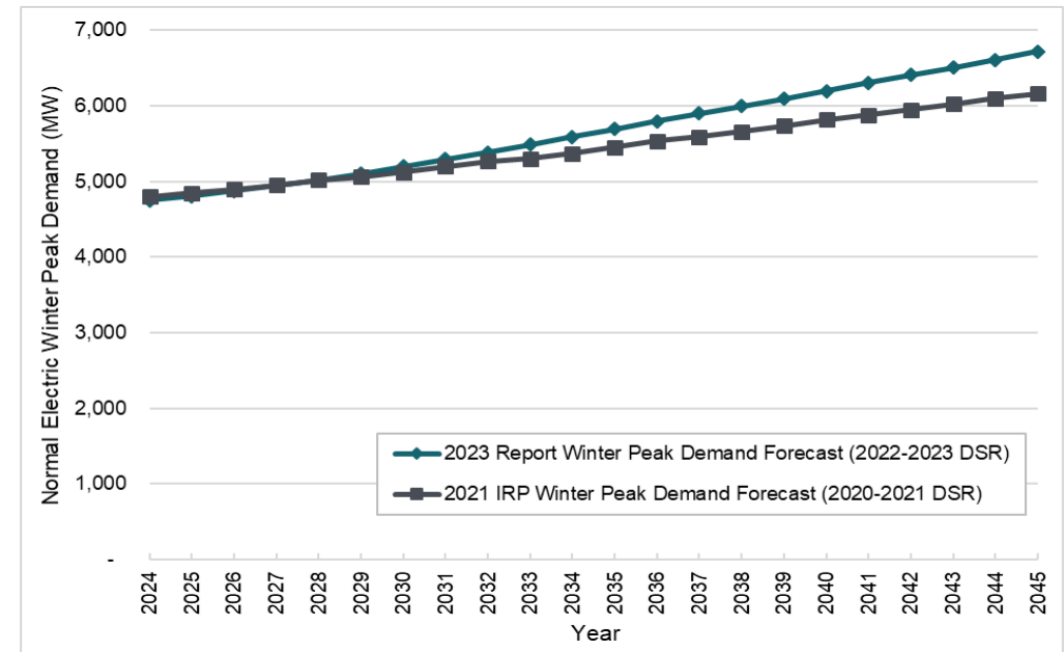
# BPA – PacifiCorp – PGE South to North Studies

- Studies to determine import capabilities and interactions with internal flow-based paths
- Near-term horizon (2- and 5- year)
- Long-term horizon (10+ years)
- Expected completion Q4 2024

# State of OR and WA Decarbonization Study

- Joint study including major TPs in OR and WA
- High level transmission assessment of the region’s ability to meet 2045 decarbonization milestones
- Use IRPs as a starting point for load, resource forecasts, planned projects
- Develop scenarios with updated load forecasts – peak loads, high renewables, etc...
- Develop reliability powerflow base case
- Perform contingency analysis

Figure 6.6: Winter Electric Peak Demand Forecast before Additional DSR  
2023 Electric Report versus 2021 IRP Base Demand Forecast Hourly Annual Peak (MW)



Source: PSE IRP

Other Load Serving Entities are experiencing similar upward revisions in load forecasts

# Inter-regional Updates

*Transmission Planning for the Western Interconnect*

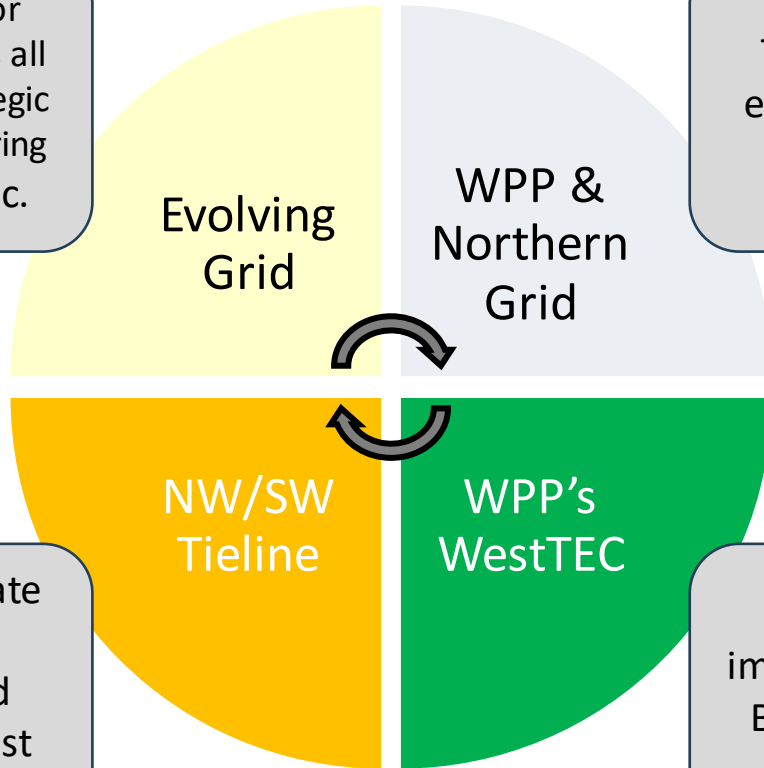




# It's All Connected

- TSEP
- BP-26
- TC-26
- GIQ
- LLIR

Evolving Grid is NOT a function or process but an umbrella that pulls all BPA-led efforts together in a strategic view to optimize information sharing with stakeholders, customers, etc.



Third party regional planning entity for affected systems and members

Inter-regional effort to evaluate feasibility of transmission expansion between affected regions (DOE National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors)

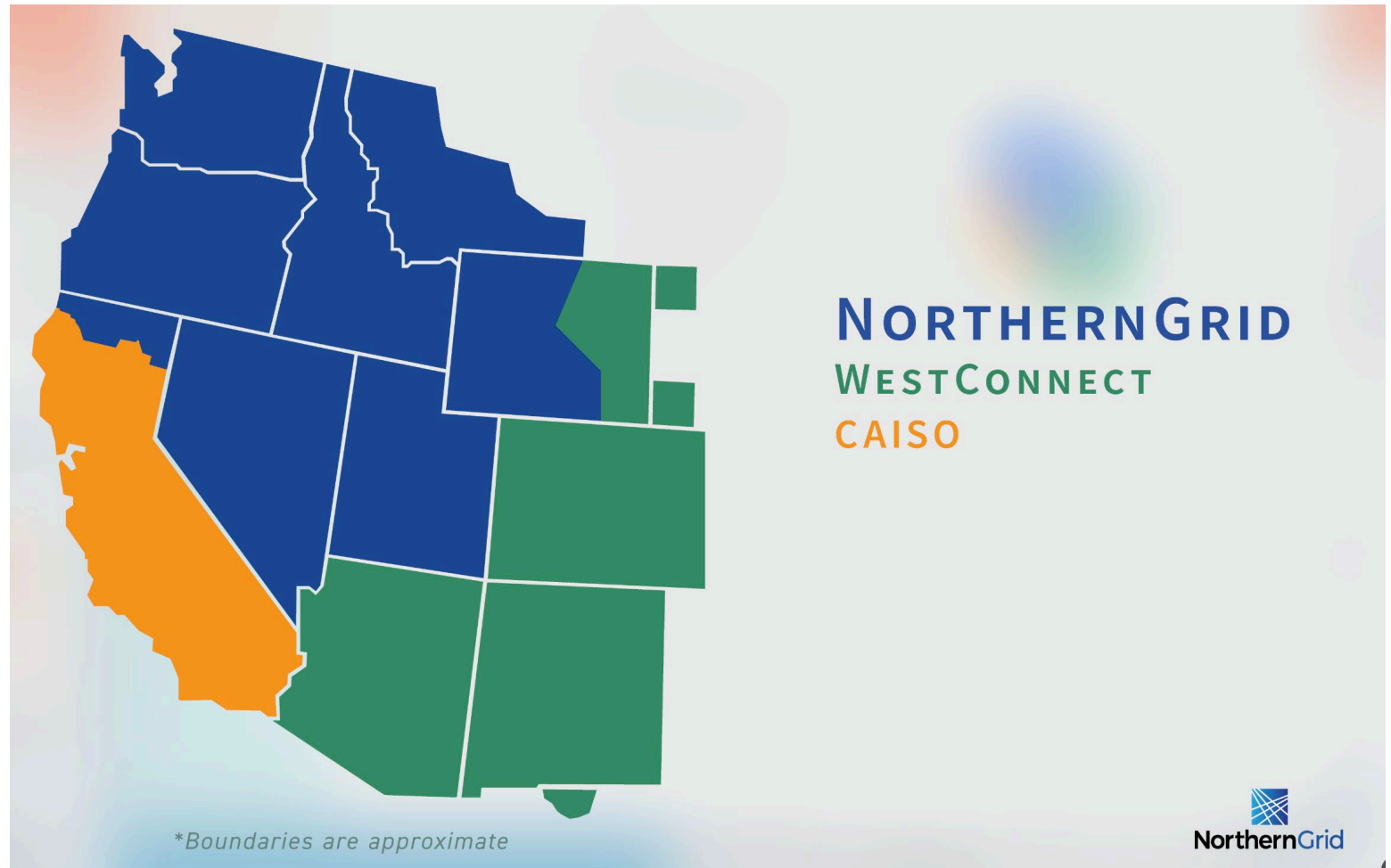
New initiative to consider impacts and benefits beyond the BPA BA/service area westwide (WECC footprint)

# Western Power Pool: Update on WestTEC

*BPA Evolving Grid Public Workshop*

May 16, 2024

# Regional Transmission Planning in the West

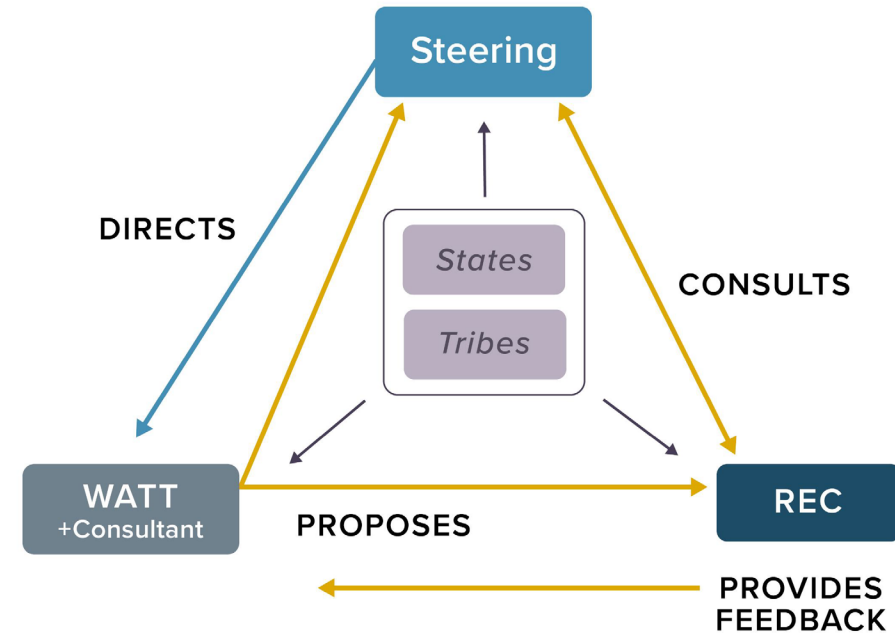


# What is the Western Transmission Expansion Coalition?

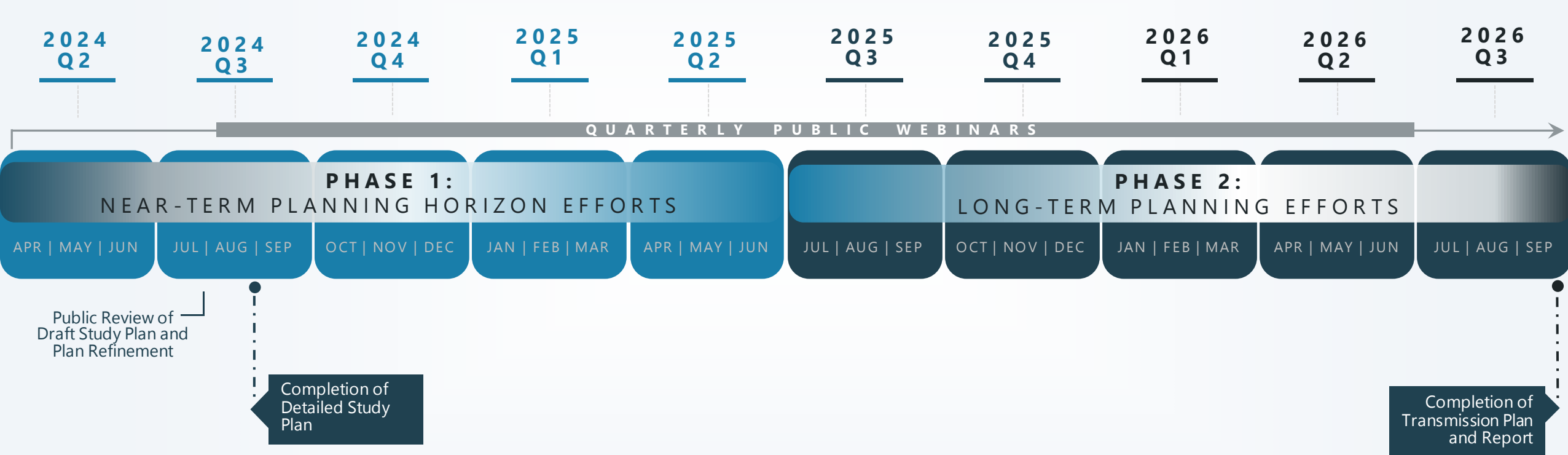
- » *“WestTEC”*
- » *West-wide 20-year transmission study (10-year look)*
- » *Industry-led with unprecedented stakeholder inclusion*
- » *Goal is to produce an actionable transmission study*



# Committees and Governance



# WestTEC Project Timeline



# Upcoming Event and Other Links

## » **WestTEC Public Webinar:** Thursday, June 6, 2024: 1-3pm Pacific

- » To attend the meeting and receive the meeting invite, please use the following registration link:  
[https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_xYww9ZSzS4CP4pLHgc-McQ](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xYww9ZSzS4CP4pLHgc-McQ)
- » The WPP event page is here: <https://www.westernpowerpool.org/events/294>

## » **WestTEC Committee Rosters**

- » Steering Committee; Technical Task Force (WATT); Regional Engagement Committee (REC):
  - » [https://www.westernpowerpool.org/private-media/documents/WestTEC\\_Committees\\_4.21.24.pdf](https://www.westernpowerpool.org/private-media/documents/WestTEC_Committees_4.21.24.pdf)

# Strategic Updates and Next Steps

## *Transmission Services*





# Strategic Alignment



## TOGETHER WE ENERGIZE THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

### Transmission Value Proposition

Operating a Safe, Secure, and High Performing Grid

Enabling Economic Growth in the Region

Supporting a Clean Energy Future and Evolving Grid

### Through Safety and Excellence

#### Long-Term Sustainability

Empower people and value culture  
Integrated and efficient processes  
Innovation and continuous improvement

#### Infrastructure

Implement operational improvements  
Value and risk-based asset management  
Advance investments and strengthen resilience

#### Products and Services

Support market evolution  
Drive regional planning  
Modernize products and services

**A Dependable and Responsive Partner, Fostering a Safe and Positive Culture**

# Looking Ahead

Following is a list of BPA and non-BPA-led efforts across transmission:

- BPA-led
  - TSEP Cluster Study
  - Automatic Generation Control (AGC) Upgrade
  - Generator Interconnection Queue Reform & Cluster Study
  - BP/TC-26
  - Integrated Program Review (IPR)
  - Day-Ahead Market
  - Evolving Grid: BPA expects to hold the next Evolving Grid workshop in the fall of 2024
- Other
  - WestTEC (update today)
  - NEITC: Northwest to Southwest Tieline
  - PNUCC 2024 Northwest Regional Forecast
  - FERC Order 881: Managing Transmission Line Ratings (TC-26 update coming soon)
  - FERC Order 1920: Building for the Future Through Electric Regional Transmission Planning and Cost Allocation\*
  - FERC Order 1977: Applications for Permits to Site Interstate Electric Transmission Facilities\*

*\* Released 5/13/24, currently under staff review*



Questions  
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your Transmission AE

# Helpful BPA Links

**BPA Transmission Plan:** <https://www.bpa.gov/-/media/Aep/transmission/attachment-k/2022-bpa-transmission-plan.pdf>

**Transmission Availability :** <https://www.bpa.gov/energy-and-services/transmission/transmission-availability>

**Becoming a BPA Customer:** <https://www.bpa.gov/energy-and-services/transmission/becoming-a-transmission-services-customer>

- *For assistance in the BPA application process, call BPA Transmission Sales (360) 619-6016 and request the assignment of a BPA Transmission Services Account Executive.*

**Interconnection:** <https://www.bpa.gov/energy-and-services/transmission/interconnection>

**Transmission Service Request Study:** <https://www.bpa.gov/energy-and-services/transmission/acquiring-transmission/tsep>