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To Parties Interested in the Regional Dialogue Rate Period High Water Mark (RHWM) Process for the FY 2026 through 2028 Rate Period:

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) will kick off the Regional Dialogue Rate Period High Water Mark (RHWM) Process this summer in advance of the BP-26 Rate Case and in accordance with sections 4.2 and 4.3 of the Tiered Rate Methodology. This process will scale customer Contract High Water Marks to an updated RHWM Tier 1 System Capability (RT1SC), resulting in customers' RHWMs and Above-RHWM Loads for Fiscal Years 2026 through 2028.

BPA will hold a customer workshop to discuss the updated preliminary RT1SC on June 4, 2024, followed by a comment period. Preliminary RHWM outputs, including RHWMs and Above-RHWM loads, will be shared following the meeting. Customers are encouraged to review the impacts on their Above-RHWM loads due to changes in their load forecasts and the RT1SC. Comments on the preliminary RT1SC, RHWM outputs, and load forecasts should be provided during the public comment period that will extend through June 18, 2024.

BPA plans to hold another customer workshop on July 31, 2024, to discuss the draft final RT1SC and draft final RHWM outputs. The final public comment period would then extend from August 1 through August 14, 2024. Final numbers are scheduled to be made available no later than September 30, 2024.

Geoff Carr, former Assistant Director of Northwest Requirements Utilities, has been selected as the Third Party Neutral for this process. He can be reached at <a href="mailto:geoffcarr77@gmail.com">geoffcarr77@gmail.com</a>.

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Sincerely,

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