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To Parties Interested in Bonneville's BP-26 Rate Proceeding, TC-26 Tariff Proceeding, and PRDM-26 Public Rate Design Methodology Proceeding :

On November 13, 2024, the Bonneville Power Administration (Bonneville) will begin its 2026 Power and Transmission rate proceeding (the "BP-26" proceeding), 2026 Transmission Tariff Proceeding (the "TC-26" proceeding), and FY 2029 Public Rate Design Methodology proceeding (referred to as "PRDM-26"). These proceedings are formal hearing processes in which interested parties have the opportunity to present evidence or comments about Bonneville's proposals and make alternative proposals. Bonneville has published a notice of each proceeding in the Federal Register. A copy of the Federal Register notices can be viewed at: for the BP-26 proceeding, <https://www.bpa.gov/bp26>; for the TC-26 proceeding, <https://www.bpa.gov/tc26>; and for the PRDM-26 proceeding, <https://www.bpa.gov/prdm2029>

The BP-26 Proceeding

The BP-26 proceeding will set power and transmission rates for a three-year period beginning October 1, 2025. Bonneville's proposed rate schedules and associated power and transmission testimony will be available on Bonneville's website. The information developed in the proceeding will be the basis of the Bonneville Administrator's final Record of Decision (ROD) establishing final rates. Bonneville's rates, including the final ROD and complete record of the proceeding, will be filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for review and approval.

The TC-26 Proceeding

The TC-26 proceeding will set or modify generally applicable open access transmission tariff (Tariff) terms and conditions to be effective on October 1, 2025. Bonneville's proposed Tariff is available on Bonneville's website. Similar to the rate proceeding, the information developed in the TC-26 proceeding will be the basis of the Bonneville Administrator's final ROD establishing the Tariff terms and conditions.

The PRDM-26 Proceeding

The PRDM-26 proceeding will establish a new tiered rate design for setting Bonneville's Priority Firm Power (PFp) rates for the period beginning October 1, 2028. Bonneville's proposed Public Rate Design Methodology is available on Bonneville's website. Similar to the rate proceeding, the information developed in the PRDM-26 proceeding will be the basis of the Bonneville Administrator's final ROD establishing the Public Rate Design Methodology.

How to Participate or Comment

An entity that wants to become a party to the proceeding(s) must file a petition to intervene with the Hearing Officer for the proceeding. The federal register notice for each proceeding includes information about filing a petition to intervene.

Individuals that are not customers of BPA or parties to the proceedings may submit public comments regarding the proposals. Bonneville's Administrator considers all comments when making final decisions. Written comments can be submitted on-line at Bonneville's website: www.bpa.gov/comment until December 5, 2024 for the TC-26 proceeding, January 30, 2025 for the PRDM-26 proceeding, and February 7, 2025 for the BP-26 proceeding. Please include the applicable project name, "BP-26," "TC-26" or "PRDM-26," with your comments.

Notice of Prohibition on *Ex Parte* Communications

This letter serves as notice that the prohibition on *ex parte* communications set forth in section 1010.5 of Bonneville's Rules of Procedure applies to the BP-26, TC-26, and PRDM-26 proceedings, beginning as of November 13, 2024. The prohibition will remain in effect until the Administrator signs the final RODs concluding the proceedings.

The *ex parte* rule provides that no party or participant in the BP-26, TC-26 or PRDM-26 proceedings may have *ex parte* communications with the Administrator, or any Bonneville employee, regarding any matter pending before the Administrator in the proceeding, and that neither the Administrator nor any Bonneville employee may request or entertain such communications. The purpose of the *ex parte* rule is to assure that all oral or written communications with Bonneville regarding any matter pending in the BP-26, TC-26, or PRDM-26 proceedings are made on the record for the proceeding. Please see section 1010.5 of Bonneville's Rules of Procedure for more details about the prohibition on *ex parte* communications.

For more information

If you have questions or want more information, please call Bonneville toll free at 1-800-622-4520. Additional information is available on the BP-26 Web site at: <https://www.bpa.gov/bp26> on the TC-26 proceeding at: <https://www.bpa.gov/tc26> and on the PRDM-26 proceeding at <https://www.bpa.gov/prdm2029>