

# Bonneville Power Administration

## Generation Interconnection Procedural Reforms Tariff Language Revisions

Customer Conference Call  
July 10, 2013



# Objectives of Today's Conference Call

- Make proposed tariff language revisions available for customer comment
- Recap the reasons for and decisions made for GI Queue Reform
- Describe the material to be sent after the conference call
- Describe customer comment period: expectations, dates

# Objectives of GI Queue Reform

- Facilitate interconnection of projects ready to build by bypassing those requests not meeting permitting timeline
- Implement a Site Permit Milestone to bypass requests (with loss of queue priority) failing to meet the milestone
- Provide a Parking lot and process to allow additional time to complete milestone and to re-establish a queue priority
- Facilitate BPA completion of the environmental review required to offer of an interconnection agreement
- Revise LGIP to allocate costs of shared network facilities (pro rata with late-comer provision)
- Develop a transition plan to address backlog of completed studies

# Tariff Revisions Based on Final BPA Decision

- Site Permitting 24 month Milestone
  - Definitions, Section 9.1
- Parking Lot for Requests not meeting the Permit milestone
  - Section 9.2
- LGIA Suspension Provision shortened to one year
  - LGIA Article 5.1.6
- Pro rata Funding Allocation for Shared Network Facilities
  - Section 4.1.1
- Existing Interconnection requests subject to new requirements
  - Section 5.1
- Similar revisions for SGIP (where applicable)

## Site Permit Milestone

- Environmental Study Agreement tendered with Interconnection System Impact Study (ISIS) agreement (single plan of service/POI selected)
- 24-month timeline starts 30 days after issuance of Environmental Study Agreement
- Site Permit Milestone satisfied in different jurisdictions by providing :
  - State-issued site certificate
  - County conditional or special use permit
  - Other siting permit allowing developer to proceed to construction
- If 24-month Site Permit Milestone is missed, the Request is placed in the Parking Lot, with loss of queue priority

# Parking Lot

- The Parking Lot:
  - Provides additional time for developers to obtain Site Permits
  - Removes planning uncertainty of stalled requests
- Parking Lot duration is up to two years to complete site permitting process
- Possible extensions, if delay is beyond Customer control:
  - Regulatory Delay *or*
  - BPA Transmission Service Delay
- Request deemed Withdrawn if site permit not obtained within two years in Parking Lot unless developer has been granted extension

## Re-entry from Parking Lot

- Customer may exit the Parking Lot upon obtaining necessary site permit(s) that allows BPA to complete Environmental review
- BPA assigns new queue priority behind requests that have been tendered ISIS and Environmental Study Agreements
- Request enters “re-study” process as determined by BPA Planning
- When re-studies and Environmental review are complete, LGIA is tendered

# Transition Plan

(For Existing GI Requests with Environmental Study Agreements)

- Effective when OATT filing approved by FERC
- Applicable to those requests with completed planning studies (FAS) and executed environmental study agreements
- Existing requests have an additional two years to obtain site permit while in Parking Lot



## Other Reforms

- LGIA Suspension (Art. 5.16) shortened to one year
- Pro rata Cost Sharing of Network Upgrades
- Revise LGIP to address Interconnection Facilities Study estimate accuracy and timeline, BPA Work plan process and other housekeeping administrative items
- LGIA notification
- Incorporate core concepts (Milestone, Parking Lot, Pro-rata cost sharing) into SGIP

## Next Steps

- July 11, 2013 – August 9, 2013: 30 day customer comment period
  - Comments to be submitted at Tech Forum, GIQ Reform Tariff Revisions Comments
- July 24, 2013: Follow-up conference call to discuss customer questions.
- August 10, 2013: BPA begins to review customer comments

# QUESTIONS?