

Transmission Update

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Why We're Here Today

No Action Required

Transmission Update

- Tariff status
- FERC transmission developments
- Other transmission developments



Tariff Status

Interconnection history and queue (2021-present)

- 8 Feasibility Studies
- 7 System Impact Studies
- 1 Facilities Study
- 1 Interconnection Agreement

Legacy transmission service

- Discussions underway with two irrigation districts about transition to service under the tariff after current contracts expire

FERC Transmission Developments

FERC Order No. 2023, issued July 28, 2023, affirmed by Order No. 2023-A, issued March 21, 2024

Changes to Generator Interconnection Procedures and Agreements

- Changes to FERC's pro forma interconnection process
- Only applies directly to Chelan PUD if we voluntarily adopt
- Chelan PUD has largely adopted the prior FERC interconnection process and agreements

FERC Transmission Developments

Generator interconnection reforms

- “First ready, first-served” study process; affected system study
- Firm deadlines in study process with penalties
- Incorporate technological advancements in interconnection process
- Staff plans to make recommendations for proposed changes to the OATT, first removing load interconnections and later incorporating new FERC standards as appropriate

FERC Transmission Developments

FERC Order 1920 – New rule requiring transmission providers to plan at least every 5 years with a 20-year planning horizon

FERC Order 1977 – New rule rejecting proposal to allow simultaneous processing of state and FERC siting applications

Other Federal Transmission Developments

Coordinated Interagency Transmission Authorizations and Permits (CITAP) Program

- U.S. Department of Energy will serve as coordinating agency for federal permitting of interstate transmission projects requiring an EIS
- Goal is to reduce time for environmental permitting from an average of 4 years to 2 years
- No reduction in quality of environmental review or change in substantive legal requirements

State Transmission Developments

- UTC Transmission Planning Study - \$497,000 allocated to advance the state's objectives for better transmission planning, organized electric power markets or similar regional coordination and expanded capacity
- Commerce Workgroup - \$275,000 allocated to Commerce to convene a workgroup that includes utilities and labor to study electrical transmission workforce needs

Questions?