# **Transmission Update**

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## Why We're Here Today

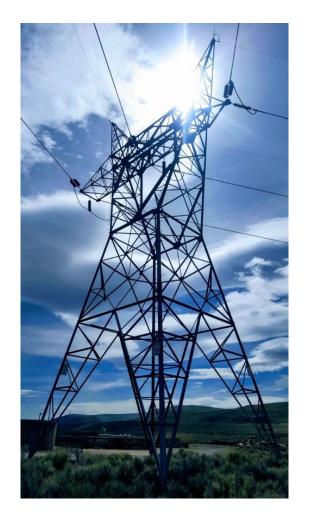
**No Action Required** 

#### **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

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



### Other Federal Transmission Developments

#### <u>Coordinated Interagency Transmission Authorizations and Permits</u> (<u>CITAP</u>) <u>Program</u>

- 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?

