

# WPUDA supports regional efforts to ensure Washington continues to realize the value of Bonneville Power Administration resources.



*BPA and consumer-owned utilities have a long history of effectively addressing the unique needs and challenges of the region utilizing regional expertise, knowledge, and experience. WPUDA supports BPA's effort to ensure that the resources that have played a vital roll in the region's ability to serve customers with low-cost clean electricity continue to benefit the region well into the future.*

## **WPUDA supports regional efforts to maximize the value of Bonneville Power Administration resources**

Consumer-owned PUDs rely on the Bonneville Power Administration for the resources needed to power their communities. Bonneville Power Administration Resources are critical to the ability of PUDs to serve their communities with clean, reliable, affordable electricity and PUDs wish to continue their relationship with BPA in securing access to low cost, renewable federal hydropower. Washington PUDs wish to continue their relationship with BPA is security access to low-cost renewable federal hydropower.

BPA contracts expire in 2028 and WPUDA strongly supports the efforts by BPA to examine their competitive status in the energy marketplace through the focus 2028 process. Over the years, BPA has been very successful at providing low-cost federal hydropower from the Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS) to its preference customers in the Northwest, even with all the environmental costs and debt payment responsibilities.

WPUDA supports BPA looking at ways to increase revenues by more effective use of clean, renewable hydropower to integrate other intermittent resources such as solar energy in California.

As BPA has many responsibilities for managing this important federal resource, we are committed to working with them to help them regain their competitive position so that the value of the system can continue to be realized by Washington consumers.

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