

# **Balancing Service Election for Variable Energy Resource Balancing Service (VERBS) Business Practice**

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Pre-decisional – For discussion purposes only



# Reasons for Business Practice Update

- Business Practice is rate period specific. The current Business Practice reflects elections for BP-12
- In BP-14 BPA would be asking for additional elections
- Dispatchable Energy Resource (DER)  
Customers will also need to elect Service

# DER Customer Elections

Each DER Customer must make a Balancing Service Election for the FY 2014 – 15 rate period by Close of Business on April 1, 2013. This entails the Customer's election to:

- Take DERBs Service
- Self Supply
- Dynamically Transfer a Generating Facility out of BPA's Balancing Authority

# Variable Energy Resource (VER) Customer Elections

Each VER Customer must make a Balancing Service Election for the FY 2014 - 15 rate period by Close of Business on April 1, 2013. This includes the following Customer's election:

- Take VERBs Service
- Choose a scheduling paradigm (uncommitted, 30/30, or 30/60)
- Self Supply one or more components of VERBS
- Participate in BPA's Customer Supplied Generation Imbalance program, or
- Dynamically Transfer a Generating Facility out of BPA's Balancing Authority

## VER Customer Elections – Election 2 Date

- BPA originally proposed that customers would elect their level of service (“Election 2”) on July 15, 2013
- BPA is now proposing that this date be moved up to June 1, 2012 based on concerns and customer feedback that original date might be too late
  - Moving the date up allows more time to set up before the October 1, 2013 initial start date for Full Service and ESS, but ...
  - Moving the date also allows less time in the ACS forum to develop the tools, policies, etc. for these services
  - The June 1, 2012 strikes a balance between these two factors

# VER Customer Elections – “Shaped” Elections

- On April 1, 2013, as part of Election 1, customers will be required to elect their scheduling paradigm (uncommitted, 30/60, 30/30)
- Some customers may want to move to a committed scheduling or shorter interval later in the rate period
- BPA staff would like to know if these aforementioned customers would like to “shape” their first election by committing to move to a shorter interval or committed scheduling on October 1, 2014.
  - The customer’s reserve requirement, and thus their rate, would be based on this commitment
  - Customers that were unable to perform at the stricter scheduling paradigm according to the Committed Scheduling BP would be subject to a Type 4 acquisition cost