




# COMMISSION AGENDA ACTION FORM

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	May 12, 2026	
<b>Subject:</b>	2026 Resource Plan - Introduction	
<b>Authored by:</b>	Blake Scherer	Staff Preparing Item
<b>Presenter:</b>	Blake Scherer	Staff Presenting Item (if applicable or N/A)
<b>Approved by:</b>	Jon Meyer	Dept. Director/Manager
<b>Approved for Commission:</b>	Rick Dunn 	General Manager/Asst GM
<b>Type of Agenda Item:</b>	<b>Type of Action Needed:</b> <i>(Multiple boxes can be checked, if necessary)</i>	
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**Motion for Commission Consideration:**

None

**Background/Summary**

Revised Code of Washington (RCW) Chapter 19.280 requires electric utilities to prepare resource plans every two years. The RCW requires the Commission to encourage participation of its consumers in development of the plans and to approve the plans after it has provided public notice and hearing. The public may refer to the District’s [Resource Plan development webpage](#) for the latest information and to provide input.<sup>1</sup>

For Public Hearing #1, Staff will provide an introductory presentation that addresses the following topics:

1. RCW definitions and requirements
2. Comparison of a Resource Plan to an Integrated Resource Plan
3. Proposed Draft outline for the Resource Plan
4. Schedule for development, additional public hearings and final approval
5. Public input options

**Recommendation**

Recommend the District prepare a 2026 Resource Plan to be compliant with RCW 19.280.

**Fiscal Impact**

N/A

<sup>1</sup> Benton PUD’s Resource Plan development webpage: <https://www.bentonpud.org/resource-plan>



# 2026 Resource Plan for 2027-2036

**Introduction – May 12, 2026**



# Electric Utility Resource Plans



- **Requirement** in Washington under [RCW 19.280](#)

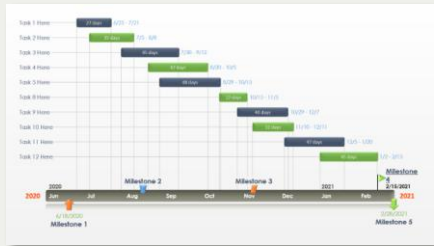
- Plans submitted to Commerce **every 2 years**

- [2024 Resource Plan](#) - Resolution No. 2681 on 8/27/2024

- **Evaluation** of load and resource balance

- **Plan** to meet energy, capacity, renewable and clean energy requirements

- **Strategy** for long-term reliable, low-cost electricity at reasonable risk



# How are “Plans” defined in RCW 19.280.20?

## Integrated Resource Plan

- “means an analysis describing the mix of generating resources, conservation, methods, technologies, and resources to integrate renewable resources and, where applicable, address overgeneration events, and efficiency resources that will meet current and projected needs at the lowest reasonable cost to the utility and its ratepayers and that **complies with the requirements specified in RCW 19.280.030(1)**.”

## Resource Plan

- “means an assessment that estimates electricity loads and resources over a defined period of time and **complies with the requirements in RCW 19.280.030(5)**.”

# Summary of Plan Requirements

## Integrated Resource Plan

Part	19.280.030(1) - Requirement topic
(a)	Load Forecast
(b)	Conservation Potential Assessment
(c)	Resource Commercial Technology Assessment
(d)	Resource "Lowest Reasonable Cost" Evaluation
(e)	Renewable Integration Assessment
(f)	Transmission Assessment
(g), (i)	Resource Adequacy Metric Determination
(h)	Distributed Energy Resources Assessment
(j)	Resource Portfolio Integrated Assessment
(k)	Energy & Nonenergy Benefits Assessment
(l)	Clean Energy Action Plan to meet CETA
(m)	Electric Vehicle Analysis

## Resource Plan

Part	19.280.030(5) - Requirement topic
(a)	Load Forecast
(b), (c)	Resource explanation
(d)	10-year action plan to meet CETA
(e)	Electric vehicle analysis

# Which **Plan** is applicable to BPUD?

## Integrated Resource Plan



19.280.030(1)

- Utilities with more than 25,000 customers that are **not full requirements customers** must develop or update an **integrated resource plan...**

## Resource Plan



19.280.030(5)

- All other utilities may elect to develop a full integrated resource plan
- or, at a minimum, shall develop a **resource plan...**

# Is BPUD a full requirements customer?

## Full requirements customer

- “means an electric utility that **relies on the Bonneville power administration for all power needed to supply its total load requirement** other than that served by nondispatchable generating resources totaling no more than six megawatts or **renewable resources.**”

BPA  
(~99%)

Pack-  
wood  
Hydro  
(~1%)

## Renewable resources

“means electricity generation facilities fueled by: (a) **Water**; (b) wind; (c) solar energy; (d) geothermal energy; (e) landfill gas; (f) biomass energy utilizing animal waste, solid or liquid organic fuels from wood, forest, or field residues or dedicated energy crops that do not include wood pieces that have been treated with chemical preservatives such as creosote, pentachlorophenol, or copper-chrome-arsenic; (g) by-products of pulping or wood manufacturing processes, including but not limited to bark, wood chips, sawdust, and lignin in spent pulping liquors; (h) ocean thermal, wave, or tidal power; or (i) gas from sewage treatment facilities.”

# What are the requirements? - 1 of 2

## BPUD's annual load forecast

## BPUD's Resources:

- 1) Energy Efficiency / Conservation
- 2) BPA
- 3) Packwood Hydro

## Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA)

19.405.040 = 2030 GHG Neutral  
19.405.050 = 2045 100% Clean

19.280.030(5): "...shall develop a resource plan that:

- (a) **Estimates loads** for the next five and 10 years;
- (b) **Enumerates the resources that will be maintained and/or acquired** to serve those loads;
- (c) **Explains why the resources in (b) of this subsection were chosen** and, if the resources chosen are not: (i) Renewable resources; (ii) methods, commercially available technologies, or facilities for integrating renewable resources, including addressing any overgeneration event; or (iii) conservation and efficiency resources, why such a decision was made;
- (d) By December 31, 2020, and in every resource plan thereafter, **identifies how the utility plans over a 10-year period to implement RCW 19.405.040 and 19.405.050**; and..."

# What are the **requirements?** - 2 of 2

## Prepared scenarios in the

### **2022 Load Forecast**

Resolution No. 2600,  
April 26, 2022 (Pages 21-25)

## Electrification of Transportation Plan

Resolution No. 2521,  
November 12, 2019

## Mapping and forecasting tool

Not currently utilizing.

### "...(e) Accounts for:

- (i) **Modeled load forecast scenarios** that consider the **anticipated levels of zero emissions vehicle use in a utility's service area**, including anticipated levels of zero emissions vehicle use in the utility's service area provided in RCW 47.01.520, if feasible;
- (ii) **Analysis, research, findings, recommendations, actions**, and any other relevant information found in the **electrification of transportation plans** submitted under RCW 35.92.450, 54.16.430, and 80.28.365; and
- (iii) **Assumed use case forecasts and the associated energy impacts**. Electric utilities may, but are not required to, use the forecasts generated by the **mapping and forecasting tool** created in RCW 47.01.520. This subsection (5)(e)(iii) applies only to plans due to be filed after September 1, 2023."

# What's included in the Resource Plan?

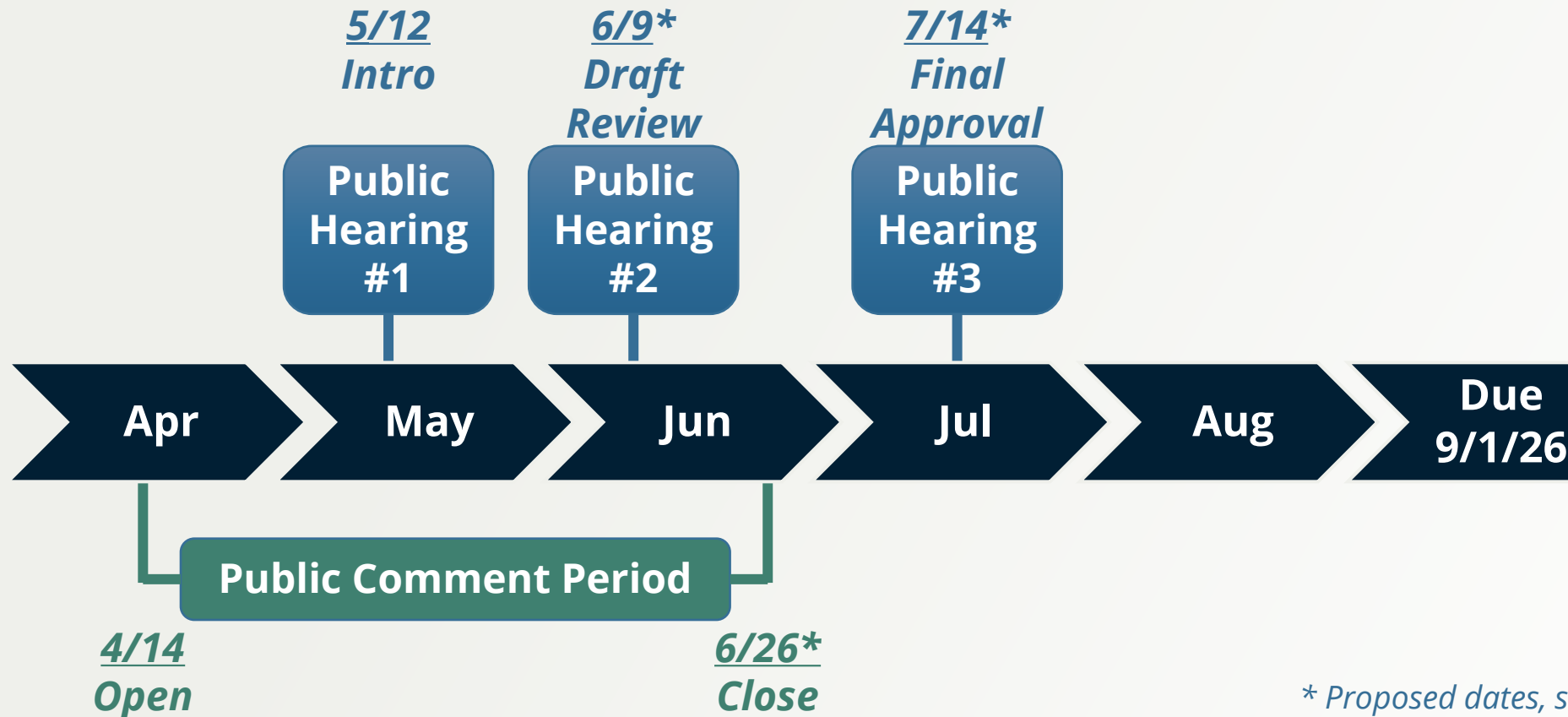
1. **Executive Summary**
2. **Overview:** RCW & requirements
3. **Load:** Load Forecast, Conservation, Demand Response & Electrification
4. **Existing Resources:** Non-BPA Resources, BPA Power & BPA Transmission
6. **Resource Strategy:** Resource Adequacy, 10-Year Resource Plan, BPA Post-2028 Contract
7. **Energy Independence Act (EIA):** Energy Conservation & Renewable Portfolio Standard compliance
8. **Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA):** GHG Neutral & 100% Clean Standard compliance

*\*\* Preliminary Outline, Subject to Change \*\**

# What is the public input process?

## RCW 19.280.050

*"The governing body of a consumer-owned utility that develops a plan under this chapter **shall encourage participation of its consumers in development of the plans** and progress reports and approve the plans and progress reports **after it has provided public notice and hearing.**"*



*\* Proposed dates, subject to change*

# What are the public input options?

- **Online submittal:**

- [Development webpage](#)
- <https://www.bentonpud.org/resource-plan>



- **In-person or virtual attendance:**

- **Scheduled public hearings**
- **Regular Commission meetings**

*Note: All public hearings will be held in-person at 9 AM during regularly scheduled Commission meetings at our Kennewick office. Meetings include a virtual and telephone option. See Commission meeting and attendance details on our [Commission page](#).*

- **For additional questions** or to request assistance with participating in the public process:
  - Email [power@bentonpud.org](mailto:power@bentonpud.org)
  - or call **Blake Scherer at (509) 585-5361**

## Tell us what matters to you

As we develop our 2026 Resource Plan, we want to make sure it reflects what matters most to our customers. To support this, we're offering ways for you to provide input:

- Attend public hearings with our Commission to hear updates and share your thoughts
- Review the posted materials and presentations
- Use the online form below to leave feedback during the designated public comment period

We appreciate your participation and look forward to hearing from you.

A screenshot of a web form for providing input. At the top right, there is a language selection dropdown set to "English (US)". The main text reads: "Please share your input for us to consider as we develop the 2026 Resource Plan: \*". Below this is a large, empty text input area. At the bottom right of the form is a green button labeled "Next".