

# PNW Tx Needs

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## I. Current Situation

(1) WA/OR legislation requires IOUs to reach 80% clean energy by 2030

(2) E-W tx challenges

- Most wind/solar on Eastside
- Need additional tx capacity to reach Seattle/Portland on:
  - CCN (I-90 corridor) from Mid C to Seattle
  - CCS (I-84 corridor from Mid C to Portland

(3) PSE/PGE Resource Needs

- PSE = 1,500 MWa energy (2031)  
1,850 MW capacity (2027)
- PGE = 3,000 MWa energy (2030)  
1,000 MW capacity (2030)

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## II. BPA Recent Actions

### (1) 2021 tx Cluster Study (CS)

- CCN: Raver-Schultz SCPs enable 1,600 MW of new ATC by 2025/26
- CCS: Portland subgrid upgrades enable 500 MW of TTC by 2027

### (2) 2022 BPA CS

- CCN: Additional SCPs/reconductor enable 1.1 GW of TTC by 2030
- CCS: Upgrade Big Eddy-Chemawa 230 kV line to 500 kV. Enables 1.2 – 1.6 GW of TTC. Not completed until 2035+
- Analyzed 11 GW of TSRs
  - 4.2 GW have signed PEAs for CCN/CCS tx

## BPA 2022 CS

### Cross-Cascades North

- Description:
  - Reconductor Schultz-Raver 3 & 4 500kV lines (100 mi total)
  - Schultz-Raver #4 500kV series capacitor upgrade (Phase 2)
  - Olympia 230kV 350 MVAR Statcom addition
  - Paul 500kV 221MVAR shunt capacitor addition
- Estimated Cost: \$196M (Direct)



Pre-decisional, for discussion purposes only

## Cross-Cascades South

- Description:
  - The existing Big Eddy – Chemawa 230kV line is under utilized and presents an opportunity for corridor optimization.
- Project:
  - Rebuild existing Big Eddy-Chemawa 230kV line as Big Eddy-Ostrander 500kV (70 mi), Ostrander-Pearl 500kV (20 mi), re-terminate the Pearl – Chemawa 230kV
- Estimated Cost: \$233M (Direct)



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### III. BPA Challenges

- (1) GI / TSEP queues are enormous and growing
  - GI queue – 150 GW
  - TSEP queue = 19 GW for 2023
    - Up from 11 GW in 2022
  - BPA has publicly acknowledged such queue amounts are not sustainable
- (2) Possible BPA GI / TSEP Changes
  - Move to first ready/first served approach
  - Move off of 95% defacto subscription requirement
  - Temporarily pause GI /TSR processing of new requests

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# Problem Statement

Current TSEP Cluster Study cycle has been experiencing multiple issues that impede a sustainable, repeatable, and acceptable quality study product. Key issues include:

1. Increased volume of requests
2. Increased complexity of requests
3. Increased speculation of requests
4. Increased physical TX system constraints

\* From BPA September 20, 2022 public meeting

**KEY TAKEAWAY: PRESENT STATE IS UNSUSTAINABLE.**

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## IV. PSE Situation

- (1) Probably can meet its 80% 2030 goal
  - Upgrades from 2021/2022 CSs will add roughly 2.7 GW of ATC/TTC to CCN by 2026 and 2030 respectively
  - PSE's 2023 draft IRP eliminates 1.5 GW of market purchases from Mid C by 2028
    - Frees up that tx for wheeling renewables across CCN
- (2) PSE's IRP also proposes building 2-4 biodiesel Westside CTs to handle extreme weather events

## **V. PGE: no current tx path (over CCS) to meet its 2030 80% decarbonization goals**

- (1) PGE needs 2.5 GW new tx capacity for load growth and meeting its 2030 goals
  - Portland subgrid improvements should add 500 MW TTC by 2027
  - Other upgrades possible but currently unclear
- (2) Another possibility is the Cascade Renewable Tx Project, a proposed 500 kV DC line (under the Columbia River) from Big Eddy to Harborton. Completion date: 2028
- (3) Unlike PSE, PGE must also contend with substantial high tech load growth in Hillsboro

## **VI. Conclusions**

- (1) Current lack of ATC on CCN/CCS is a major challenge for PSE/PGE, especially from 2026-2030 and beyond.
- (2) In its 2021/2022 CSs (and subsequent actions) BPA identified potentially viable approaches to address such needs.
- (3) PSE should be able to reach its 2030 clean energy goals.
- (4) PGE, working with BPA, can possibly develop a viable tx strategy, but currently such a path is not clear.
- (5) None of these tx challenges consider additional electrification driven load growth prior to 2030.