

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT

The 9th Northwest Regional Power Plan



Help Plan the Northwest's Energy Future

What is the 9th Power Plan?

The Northwest Regional Power Plan is a 20-year plan from the Northwest Power and Conservation Council that aims to ensure an adequate, efficient, economical, and reliable power supply for the region while mitigating adverse effects on fish and wildlife. The plan is updated every five years, and it steers how the Bonneville Power Administration and regional decisionmakers choose the resources needed to meet the Northwest's electricity demand.

Why does it matter?

The Northwest is facing skyrocketing energy demand over the next 20 years, and data centers and high-tech growth are the biggest factor. This future energy demand is higher than conservation can cover the growth of. We need to make sure that the majority of new resources that are built to fill the resource adequacy gap are clean, affordable, and reliable in order to protect people, fish and wildlife, and the planet.

Since our founding more than four decades ago, the NW Energy Coalition has been concerned about affordability and it is even more of

a priority with the prospect of rapid demand growth and power costs. We have the opportunity to build a better future in the region and not repeat past mistakes. We need to take advantage of this critical moment to get it right, and we'll guide you through the process to make sure your voice is heard.

Why and how should I participate?

As part of the planning process, the Council seeks feedback from different stakeholders, from the public to state agencies to utilities, to consider their opinions and needs before issuing the final version of the Plan. Once the draft plan is released this summer, you can submit written comments online and participate in public comment hearings across the region. The draft plan is expected in mid-August, with a 60-day comment period running through mid-October.

By participating in the process, we have the power to ensure that our future in the Northwest is built on clean, reliable, and affordable energy.



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History of the Northwest Regional Power Plan

In 1980, Congress passed the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act in response to a series of issues related to energy forecasting, planning, and environmental protection. In 1981, The Northwest Power and Conservation Council was established. This interstate agency has eight members, two from each Northwest state (Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington), and it is in charge of developing the Northwest Power Plan and the Fish and Wildlife Program and advances its implementation. The power plan has served as a primary source of information on energy demand, supply, and resources for the Northwest region since 1983.

Our Goals



Maximize **energy efficiency**, **demand response**, and **data center flexibility**



Prioritize **clean energy (including storage)** for new resources



Include **strong fish protections** as a baseline to the power planning



Comply with **state** and **utility clean energy priorities**



Prioritize **affordability**, **resource adequacy**, and **reliability**

Timeline



Get updates
on the Power Plan:



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