

**EUGENE WATER & ELECTRIC BOARD**  
**WORK SESSION**  
**June 17, 2025**  
**5:30 p.m.**

**Commissioners Present:** President, John Barofsky; and Commissioners Sonya Carlson, John Brown, and Tim Morris

**Commissioners Absent:** Vice President, Mindy Schlossberg

**Others Present:** Frank Lawson, General Manager; Deborah Hart, Assistant General Manager/Chief Financial Officer; and Brian Booth, Chief Energy Resource Officer

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**Call to Order [00:00:00]**

President Barofsky called the work session to order at 5:30 p.m.

**ORG. GOAL # 3 – BPA Product Recommendation [00:02:04]**

General Manager Frank Lawson, Assistant General Manager/Chief Financial Officer Deborah Hart, and Chief Energy Resources Officer Brian Booth presented information about the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) “Provider of Choice” Product Recommendation via PowerPoint presentation.

Mr. Lawson provided relevant background information, including a BPA product choice and energy resource study (ERS) timeline extending from February 2024 through December 2025. He described BPA product choice management considerations including portfolio economics, business model impacts, and qualitative assessments. Mr. Lawson explained that they initially identified four leading BPA product options. Of the four, the following two options were identified as the top candidates: Load Following and Block with Shaping plus Peak Load Variance Service (PLVS). He referenced two graphs depicting the differences between Load Following versus Block with Shaping plus Peak Load Variance Service (PLVS) during peak events.

Mr. Lawson stated that while their initial leaning was Load Following, management’s revised recommendation is to execute a contract with BPA with the product features described as Block with Shaping initially supplemented with a Peak Load Variance Service (PLVS). He provided further details about management’s refined understanding of the two options. He outlined the benefits of Block with Shaping (plus PLVS) and Reexamining Access to Capacity:

**Block with Shaping (plus PLVS)**

- Significant Federal Access
- Better Cost Improvement Potential
- Greater Operational Flexibility
- Increased Qualified Uncertainty Mitigation Opportunities
- Comparable Contractual Risk(s)
- Overall better Strategic Alignment (local community alignment/reliance)
  - Economic Development

- Electrification
- Distributed Generation
- System Optimization

### **Re-Examining Access to Capacity**

- Load Following cannot easily value demand-response or local capacity
- Load Following has minimal exposure to “tight” capacity markets
- Capacity “countermeasures” (contracts & demand response opportunities) have been identified
- Tangible countermeasures are available under Block with Shaping & Peak Load Variance Service to:
  - Improve total contract cost
  - Reduce uncertainty/mitigate volatility
  - Limit capacity market “tightness” (i.e. worst-case downside)

He presented a bar graph depicting a 2044 Non-Federal Resources Portfolio Comparison, and noted the following:

- Adding local capacity/demand response reduces/eliminates the need for EWEB to invest in additional peaking plants
- Still need wind and solar to fill energy needs
- With capacity needs met, Block with Shaping and Load Following have similar portfolio needs

Mr. Lawson, Mr. Booth, and Ms. Hart responded to questions from the Board of Commissioners.

Following a discussion, the Board expressed their general support for the recommendation of Block with Shaping plus Peak Load Variance Service (PLVS).

Mr. Lawson is scheduling a meeting with Vice President Schlossberg to discuss the BPA product choice recommendation.

### **Adjourn [01:30:33]**

President Barofsky adjourned the work session at 7:00 p.m.

*Recorded by Terah Van Dusen, LCOG*

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President