

**Bonneville Power Administration (provided via email)**

Affordability across the nation on power rates in general is getting more attention of regulators, legislators, and the elected officials. When budgets for this region are analyzed as a whole, the noticeable budget increases proposed by NERC directly translate to budget pressure on registered entities. BPA's mission is to create and deliver the best value for our customers and constituents in the Northwest power system. It is important to highlight the 'net new' work that require additional resources, with that we recognize costs are on the rise across the board. As we look to the future, we feel it is our responsibility to highlight those increases are acceptable when they are both a direct path forward supporting each organization's core mission, and are applicable to the region(s) they impact.