
Capacity Benefit Margin Implementation Document (CBMID)

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Section 1 – NERC defined terms:

CBM is the Capacity Benefit Margin for the ATC Path during that period.

CBM_s is the Capacity Benefit Margin for the ATC Path that has been scheduled during that period.

Section 2 – Avista Application of defined terms:

CBM is currently defined as zero. No Load Serving Entity (LSE) serving load on the Avista system has requested CBM. This ATCID and the applicable calculations will be revised within 30 days of an LSE requesting CBM.

CBM_s will not be a value of anything other than zero since CBM has not been approved. This ATCID and the applicable calculations will be revised within 30 days of an LSE requesting CBM and the possibility of CBM_s becoming operational.

Section 3 – Requirement 1.1¹ (Process for Reviewing and Accommodating CBM):

An LSE within the Avista Balancing Area Authority shall use the following steps to request the set aside of CBM capacity:

1. Determine the amount of CBM to be requested of Avista using the methodology described in MOD-004, R3.
2. Document the methodology and amount being requested in a formal letter to Avista, and on which path
3. Submit that letter to NERCATCStandards@avistacorp.com or via standard mail to:

Manager, Transmission Services
1411 E. Mission Ave, MSC-16
Spokane, WA 99252

4. Avista's Transmission Services Department will determine availability for CBM and respond to submitting party within 30 days

A Resource Planner for the Avista Balancing Area Authority shall use the following steps to request the set aside of CBM capacity:

1. Determine the amount of CBM to be requested of Avista using the methodology described in MOD-004, R4.
2. Document the methodology and amount being requested in a formal letter to Avista, and on which path
3. Submit that letter to NERCATCStandards@avistacorp.com or via standard mail to:

Manager, Transmission Services
1411 E. Mission Ave, MSC-16
Spokane, WA 99252

4. Avista's Transmission Services Department will determine availability for CBM and respond to submitting party within 31 days²

¹ "The process through which a Load-Serving Entity within a Balancing Authority Area associated with the Transmission Service Provider, or the Resource Planner associated with that Balancing Authority Area, may ensure that its need for Transmission capacity to be set aside as CBM will be reviewed and accommodated by the Transmission Service Provider to the extent Transmission capacity is available."

² Per MOD-004, R7

Section 4 – Requirement 1.2³ (Procedure and Assumptions for Establishing CBM):

Upon receipt of a request from an LSE or Resource Planner, Avista shall process requests for CBM comparably, and will apply the following steps:

1. Determine if firm ATC is available on the path being requested for the two year period following the beginning date of the request
2. Recommend alternative paths for CBM if requested path is unavailable
3. Ensure that the capacity being requested has been developed using the methodology in MOD-004, R3 or R4.
4. Review availability of CBM on a two year basis, beginning concurrently with the requested CBM service date

Section 5 – Requirement 1.3⁴ (Procedure for LSE or BA to use CBM):

Per MOD Standard MOD-006, Avista documents its procedures for using CBM in Avista Corporation's Capacity Benefit Margin Business Practice (currently Version 5, posted on OASIS)

Per MOD Standard MOD-007, Avista documents the use of CBM as outlined in Avista Corporation's Capacity Benefit Margin Business Practice (currently Version 5, posted on OASIS)

³ “The procedure and assumptions for establishing CBM for each Available Transfer Capability (ATC) Path or Flowgate.”

⁴ “The procedure for a Load-Serving Entity or Balancing Authority to use Transmission capacity set aside as CBM, including the manner in which the Transmission Service Provider will manage situations where the requested use of CBM exceeds the amount of CBM available.”

Section 6 – Changes and Notification of Changes to CBMID

6.1 Changes or Modifications to the CBMID

Avista will post on OASIS, in draft form, and notify all parties listed in requirement R2 any changes it plans to make to this CBMID 30 days or more prior to an implementation date. Notification will be made via email to the manager of each party's compliance department, or other similarly positioned employee. Notification will include a request that each party listed in requirement R4 respond via email that such notification has been received.

6.1.1 Applicable Parties

Planning Coordinator associated with the Transmission Service Provider's area:

Not applicable

Reliability Coordinator associated with the Transmission Service Provider's area:

Not applicable

Transmission Operator associated with the Transmission Service Provider's area:

Not applicable

Planning Coordinators adjacent to the Transmission Service Provider's area:

Bonneville Power Administration

Idaho Power Company

PacifiCorp

Northwestern Energy

Chelan County PUD

Grant County PUD

Pend Oreille County PUD

Reliability Coordinators adjacent to the Transmission Service Provider's area:

WECC RC

Transmission Service Providers whose area is adjacent to the Transmission Service Provider's area:

Bonneville Power Administration

Idaho Power Company

PacifiCorp

Northwestern Energy

6.2 Availability of CBMID to Parties

Avista will maintain a current copy of its CBMID on its OASIS site. Additionally, Avista will supply an electronic copy to all parties listed in requirement R2 on or before the effective date of MOD-001 (April 1, 2011). Notification will be made via email to the manager of each party's compliance department, or other similarly positioned employee. Notification will include a request that each party listed in requirement R4 respond via email that such notification has been received.