

Business Practice #61: Reservation Priority: Use of Lottery Process for Processing Simultaneously Submitted Point-to-Point Transmission Service Requests

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NOTE: *This business practice is developed consistent with PacifiCorp's tariff filings to reflect PacifiCorp's adoption of a lottery allocation methodology for processing simultaneously submitted requests for Firm and Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service. PacifiCorp adopted this lottery allocation methodology as a result of Open Access Technology International, Inc.'s ("OATI") administration of PacifiCorp's Open Access Same-Time Information System ("OASIS"). The effective date of this revised business practice is intended to be coincident with the proposed effective date for pending tariff revisions filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") in Docket No. ER12-2508 (i.e., October 23, 2012).*

NOTICE

A redline version of the most recent revisions to this business practice is available at: <https://www.oasis.oati.com/woa/docs/PPW/PPWdocs/BP61red.pdf>

Policy Reference

PacifiCorp's Open Access Transmission Tariff ("OATT"), Part II – Point-to-Point Transmission Service, Section 13.2 – Reservation Priority (concerning Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service), Section 14.2 – Reservation Priority (concerning Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service), and FERC Order No. 890 (and progeny).

Definitions

No definitions other than those currently contained in PacifiCorp's OATT are required for this business practice.

Purpose

The purpose of this business practice is to clarify the practices referenced in the OATT pertaining to allocation of transmission capacity for Firm and Non-Firm Point-To-Point Transmission Service in the event that multiple service requests are submitted simultaneously (*i.e.*, within the first five-minute window following the earliest time to make a request) when there is not sufficient transmission capacity to meet such requests.

This business practice applies to all Transmission Customers unless explicitly contradicted by contract terms.

Practice

After applying applicable priorities consistent with the OATT and two or more requests are equal according to the priority criteria, the lottery allocation methodology will be used to award capacity. The lottery allocation methodology awards available transmission capacity to a randomly-selected request among competing requests of equal priority and will be administered through software maintained by OATI. This automated process provides similarly-situated customers an equal opportunity for the available capacity.

The following sections describe how the OATI automated process will organize and facilitate the lottery process.

Simultaneous Submission Window Processing

Each simultaneously submitted transmission service request will be given a new effective queue time equal to the close of the simultaneous submission window. The requests will then be processed based on the following order:

1. NERC Curtailment Priority
2. Transmission service request duration
3. Pre-confirmed status
4. Price

When two or more transmission service requests are equal in priority based on the above processing criteria, the following lottery methodology will be used to award transmission capacity.

Lottery Allocation Process

The OATI automated system will determine the set of individual Transmission Customers that have submitted one or more requests within the same simultaneous submission window. A “pick-order” will then be randomly assigned to each Transmission Customer within the set for all requests received within the window.

If a Transmission Customer has multiple requests within the same priority tier as outlined above, the processing of multiple requests will be based on the relative queue time for that Transmission Customer’s transmission service request.

Once all requests are assigned a position, the resulting order determines the sequence in which Transmission Customers are allocated the available transmission capacity, not to exceed the customer’s request, until capacity is exhausted. Automated counteroffers for partial service will be issued as applicable.

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Revision History

Version	Posted Date	Change Summary
1.0	10/9/12	Edits to document how Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service requests will be handled in the event that multiple service requests are submitted simultaneously.
0.0	10/4/12	No comments received. Business Practice effective.
DRAFT revision	9/28/12	In response to customer comment, revised the business practice DRAFT version. Re-posted the revised DRAFT version for additional 5 business day public comment period.
DRAFT	8/16/12	Initial draft posted for public comment