

**Procedure: Customer Request for an Economic Planning Study**

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**Policy Reference**

**FERC** - The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”) issued order 890 on February 16, 2007. The order outlines requirements to conduct economic planning studies upon customer request to either evaluate potential upgrades or other investments that could reduce congestion or integrate new resources and loads on an aggregate or regional level. These economic planning studies will not assign upgrade costs and do not represent a formal queue request for service. Customer requests and study results will be posted on OASIS. The requirements are defined in Order 890, paragraphs 542-551 and refined in Order 890A in paragraph 236 as stated below:

“We agree with petitioners that transmission provider’s Attachment K must clearly describe the process by which economic planning studies can be requested and how they will be prioritized. We also agree that stakeholders as a group have the right to request the defined number of high priority studies to be paid for by the transmission provider. As a result, transmission providers must develop a means to allow the transmission provider and customers to cluster or batch requests for economic planning studies so that transmission provider may perform the studies in the most efficient manner. By limiting the economic planning principle to a defined number of high priority studies annually, the Commission did not intend to preclude stakeholders from requesting additional studies. To provide appropriate financial incentives, the stakeholder(s) requesting such additional studies would be responsible for paying the cost of such studies.”

**I. PROCEDURE****Customer Requests for Economic Planning Studies**

Customers who desire to have PacifiCorp conduct economic planning studies should complete the form found at the following link:

[https://www.oasis.oati.com/woa/docs/PPW/PPWdocs/20110218\\_econStudyRequestTemplate.pdf](https://www.oasis.oati.com/woa/docs/PPW/PPWdocs/20110218_econStudyRequestTemplate.pdf)

Completed forms should be mailed or emailed to the following address:

PacifiCorp  
c/o Transmission Services  
825 NE Multnomah St, Suite 1600  
Portland, Oregon 97232

[Attchk@pacifiCorp.com](mailto:Attchk@pacifiCorp.com)

PacifiCorp will evaluate individual requests and will cluster/batch multiple requests when such a clustering provides increased efficiency. Prior to initiating any economic study, PacifiCorp will hold a scoping meeting with requestors and other regional participants. During this time, PacifiCorp will accept requests for cluster/batch studies and will evaluate whether such a study will provide increased efficiency or if separate studies are needed. After the scoping meeting, PacifiCorp will complete a written study scope. The final scope will be submitted to all requestors prior to study initiation.

PacifiCorp reserves the right to utilize contract resources and Regional efforts such as NTTG to complete its study obligations.