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| BPR Number | BPR026 | BPR Title | Revision to Business Practice 2.7 |
| Business Practice Section(s) Requiring Revision (include Section No., Title, and Protocol Version) | 1. 2.7 COMBINING SPP TRANSMISSION SERVICE REQUESTS
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| MMU Report Required (Yes or No) | No |
| Requested Resolution (Normal or Urgent) | Urgent |
| Revision Description | Change Business Practice 2.7 to allow combining up to three TSRs when combining with a DC tie-only firm reservation. |
| Reason for Revision | To ensure fair treatment to customers who make financial commitment to an un-schedulable, DC tie-only firm reservation by allowing an additional opportunity for scheduling that reservation by combining more than two reservations. |
| Tariff Implications or Changes (Yes or No; If yes include a summary of impact and/or specific changes) | ? |
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| Proposed Business Practice Language Revision |

1. **2.7 COMBINING SPP TRANSMISSION SERVICE REQUESTS**

SPP performs a flow-based analysis, using the source and sink information, of each transmission service request made. It is expected that each request will indicate the true source and sink of the intended transaction. There are occasions, however, where a customer has a need to purchase additional transmission service from SPP to be combined with other SPP transmission service or service that is grand-fathered with respect to the SPP OATT. In those cases, the following SPP business practice exists.

*When requesting transmission service under the SPP OATT that is being combined with another request for transmission service under the SPP OATT, or combined with service that is grand-fathered with respect to the SPP OATT:*

* *The transmission customer will specify the POR and POD58 on the service being requested that is needed to form a contiguous scheduling path when combined with the other transmission service.*
* *The source and sink identified must represent the true source and sink59 of the transaction.*
* *The customer must include comments that the request is being combined with other SPP transmission service or service that is grand-fathered with respect to the SPP OATT.*
* *When the original request has a source or sink that is to or from a first tier BA or beyond:*
	+ *With the exception of AECI, there will be no requirement to procure third party transmission service to combine SPP transmission service. (If AECI is on the path they must be listed as a scheduling entity)*
	+ *When scheduling combined SPP service it is not required to list the first tier BA in the scheduling entity portion of the tag.*

*For example:*

 *Existing reservation*

 *POR = AMRN*

 *POD = EES*

 *SOURCE = MISO*

 *SINK = EES*

 *Combining reservation with new source of OPPD*

 *POR = OPPD*

 *POD = AMRN*

 *SOURCE = OPPD*

 *SINK = EES*

 *MISO is NOT required to be listed as a Scheduling Agent on the tag.*

**Explanation / Rationale**

When a request for service is to be combined with another request under the SPP OATT or transmission service grand-fathered with respect to the SPP OATT, the impact on the transmission system must be evaluated based on their combined effect. If evaluated separately when purchased, the effects on the transmission system could be substantially different from the effects realized when both requests are combined to complete a transaction. Therefore, in order to accurately analyze the impacts of the intended transaction on the system, SPP requires the true source and sink be indicated on requests for service when being combined with another request for transmission service under the SPP OATT or service that is grand-fathered with respect to the SPP OATT.

*When requesting transmission service under the SPP OATT that is being combined with a firm DC tie-only reservation under the SPP OATT (which is a reservation that is not schedulable in and of itself):*

* *The transmission customer may combine two additional reservations to the firm tie-only reservation for a total combination of three reservations, so long as only the second of the additional reservations identifies the true source and sink of the transaction and is the only reservation that can be scheduled.*
* *On the first of the additional reservations, the transmission customer will specify the POR and POD on the service being requested that matches the POR, POD, SOURCE and SINK from the customer’s DC tie-only firm reservation.*
* *On the second of the additional reservations, the transmission customer will specify the POR and POD on the service being requested that is needed to form a contiguous scheduling path when combined with the first of the additional reservations and the DC tie-only firm reservation.*
* *On the second of the additional reservations, the source and sink identified must represent the true source and sink of the transaction.*
* *On both of the additional reservations to be combined with the DC tie-only firm reservation, the customer must include comments that the request is being combined with other SPP transmission service that is DC tie-only firm service.*
* *When the original request has a source or sink that is to or from a first tier BA or beyond:*
	+ *With the exception of AECI, there will be no requirement to procure third party transmission service to combine SPP transmission service. (If AECI is on the path they must be listed as a scheduling entity)*
	+ *When scheduling combined SPP service it is not required to list the first tier BA in the scheduling entity portion of the tag.*

*For example:*

 *Existing DC tie-only firm reservation*

 *POR = ERCOTN*

 *POD = ERCOTN*

 *SOURCE = ERCOTN-SPP*

 *SINK = ERCOTN*

 *Combining reservation with existing DC tie-only firm reservation (first additional reservation)*

 *POR = ERCOTN*

 *POD = ERCOTN*

 *SOURCE = ERCOTN-SPP*

 *SINK = ERCOTN*

 *Combining reservation with a new source of OPPD (second additional reservation)*

 *POR = OPPD*

 *POD = ERCOTN*

 *SOURCE = OPPD*

 *SINK = ERCOTN*

**Explanation / Rationale**

In the case of the DC ties, SPP has allowed transmission service reservations that DO NOT include a true source, i.e./ the reservation is for the DC tie-only. Customers had desired that such be offered, in anticipation of being able to redirect to a true source on a shorter term basis. In practice, however, there is often no ATC from a true source until the no-earlier-than time for submittal of non-firm hourly requests because SPP’s practice is to release unscheduled firm capacity coinciding with the no-earlier-than time for non-firm hourly requests. In order to maintain the value to the customer who has made a commitment to a long-term DC tie-only firm reservation by providing such customer additional opportunity to schedule over the DC tie, it has become necessary to allow the combination of three reservations. Note a customer utilizing combined service under this approach will pay for three reservations in order to flow a single schedule.