

Notice: Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) to evaluate removal of the Transmission Service resale price cap from its Open Access Transmission Service Tariff (OATT)

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WAPA is posting notice of its intent to evaluate removal of the Transmission Service resale price cap currently set forth in Section 23.1 of WAPA's OATT. Pursuant to Section 23.1 of the OATT, a Transmission Customer may currently sell, assign, or transfer all or a portion of its rights under its Service Agreement subject to the following restriction:

"Compensation to the Reseller shall not exceed the higher of (i) the original rate paid by the Reseller, (ii) the Transmission Provider's maximum rate on file at the time of the assignment, or (iii) the Reseller's opportunity cost capped at the Transmission Provider's cost of expansion."

WAPA plans to evaluate OATT revisions to the resale price cap language above, and associated provisions, and may include other OATT revisions to address recent Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Orders. WAPA is considering removal of the resale price cap based upon FERC's removal of the resale price cap from its *pro forma* Open Access Transmission Tariff, various changes that have occurred since WAPA's last OATT revision, and potential benefits to WAPA's customers. WAPA will be seeking comments on its proposed revisions from all interested customers through an informal public comment process.

In the near future, WAPA will post additional details on its Open Access Same-Time Information System (OASIS) pages, available at the following URL: <u>http://www.oasis.oati.com/WAPA/WAPAdocs/WAPA-OATT-Revision-Information.htm</u>, regarding the specific OATT revisions being proposed, the planned informal public comment process, and the expected schedule including filing of the OATT revisions with FERC if WAPA decides to proceed with the proposed OATT revisions.

Any questions/comments can be directed to your specific WAPA OATT Regional contact(s):

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