

Notice: Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) proposes revisions to its Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT) to address FERC Order 845 (*Reform of Generator Interconnection Procedures and Agreements*)

(OATT Revision 21-01)

April 30, 2021

WAPA is evaluating OATT revisions to address **FERC Order 845** (*Reform of Generator Interconnection Procedures and Agreements*). WAPA indicated it would proceed with these revisions during the prior OATT Revisions 20-01 and 20-02 processes and in its associated filings under FERC Docket Nos. NJ21-1-000 and NJ21-4-000. In addition, WAPA also plans to evaluate other minor OATT clean-up and maintenance revisions.

In Order 845, FERC adopted ten proposed reforms to the *pro forma* Large Generator Interconnection Procedures (LGIP) and Large Generator Interconnection Agreement (LGIA) for Transmission Providers (TPs):

- 1) To improve certainty for Interconnection Customer (IC) by:
 - a) enabling IC to exercise option to build, regardless of whether TP can meet IC's construction dates; and
 - b) imposing a revised dispute resolution requirement on all TPs.
- 2) To promote more informed interconnection decisions by:
 - a) requiring all TPs to publish a method for identifying contingent facilities;
 - b) requiring TPs to offer access to study processes and assumptions for maintaining network models used;
 - c) altering the definition of "Generating Facility" in the LGIP and LGIA to include electric storage resources; and
 - d) requiring TPs to post interconnection study reporting requirements on a quarterly basis.
- 3) To enhance the efficiency of the interconnection process by:
 - a) enabling ICs to request interconnection service at a level lower than their generating facility capacity;
 - b) requiring TPs to allow agreements for provisional interconnection service before completion of full process;
 - c) requiring TPs to develop an expedited process for ICs to use or transfer surplus interconnection service; and
 - d) requiring TPs to establish a procedure to assess if IC's proposed technology constitutes a material modification.

As part of WAPA's process to seek stakeholder comments on the proposed OATT revisions, WAPA will hold a Stakeholder Meeting on **May 24, 2021, at 10am MDT** ([via WebEx](#)) to present the proposed OATT revisions. WAPA will also outline the expected timeline to respond to Stakeholder comments, complete the OATT revisions, and file the OATT revisions with FERC. WAPA invites all interested parties to attend.

WAPA's 30-day comment period will begin once WAPA posts its proposed OATT revisions on its Regional Open Access Same-Time Information System (OASIS) sites ahead of the May 24, 2021, Stakeholder Meeting.

The meeting presentation(s), redlines of WAPA's proposed OATT revisions, and all other information related to OATT Revision 21-01 will be posted on WAPA's OASIS sites, available at the following link: [WAPA OATT Revision Information webpage](#). WAPA will provide follow-up notice when the documents are posted ahead of the Stakeholder Meeting.

Links to FERC's Order 845 are here: [Order No. 845](#), [Order No. 845-A](#) and [Order No. 845-B](#)

Frequently Asked Questions: [FAQs](#)

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