



## Tariff Timing Requirements

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### Transmission Service Requests and Energy Schedule Reporting

Transmission Service Type (Note 3)	Term	NERC TLR Priority	Transmission Requests		Provider Response to Application	See Note 10		See Note 9	DISPLACE/SUPERSEDE	BTF Energy Schedule Reporting			
			See Notes 2 and 5			OR	Customer Confirm	See Note 4		No Later Than	No Earlier Than	Changes No Later Than	
			No Later Than	No Earlier Than				Determine Capacity Available	System Impact Study				No Later Than
<b>Network Firm</b>	1-10 years (see Note 2)	7	60 days prior to initial month	10 years prior (see Note 2)	10 days	30 days	60 days	15 days	N/A	N/A	1000 day prior	Customer confirm	20 minutes prior to the hour
<b>Yearly (Long-Term) Firm Point-to-Point Capacity (Note 8)</b>	Fixed or Sliding Yearly 1-10 years (see Note 2)	7	60 days prior to initial month	10 years prior (see Note 2)	24 hours	30 days	60 days	15 days	N/A	N/A	1000 day prior	Customer confirm	20 minutes prior to the hour
<b>Monthly Firm Point-to-Point Capacity (Note 8)</b>	Fixed Monthly (1-12 months based on calendar month)	7	14 days prior	12 months prior	24 hours	30 days, but typical response is 1 week	60 days	4 days or 24 hours (if right of first refusal request)	1 Month prior to commencement of Monthly service	24 hours, or earlier to comply with 1000 day prior scheduling deadline	1000 day prior	Customer confirm	20 minutes prior to the hour
<b>Weekly Firm Point-to-Point Capacity (Note 8)</b>	Fixed Weekly, (1-4 weeks based on Mon-Sun Week)	7	2 days prior	60 days prior	24 hours	30 days, but typical response is 1 business day	60 days	48 hours or 24 hours (if right of first refusal request)	1 week prior to commencement of Weekly service	24 hours, or earlier to comply with 1000 day prior scheduling deadline	1000 day prior	Customer confirm	20 minutes prior to the hour
<b>Daily Firm Point-to-Point Capacity (Note 8)</b>	Fixed Daily (1-7 days) based on calendar day	7	1000 day prior	60 days prior	1 hour	30 days, but typical response is 1 business day, or If request is received < 24 hrs prior to schedule start, Best Effort	60 days	24 hrs or 2 hrs (if request is received < 24 hrs prior to schedule start)	1 day prior to commencement of Daily service	24 hours, or earlier to comply with 1000 day prior scheduling deadline	1000 day prior	Customer confirm	20 minutes prior to the hour
<b>Network Service from Non-Designated Resources (Note 7)</b>	Based on the Network Reservation	6	1000 day prior	Requests should be submitted as soon as practicable	1 hour	2 calendar days, or Best Effort ( If request is received < 24 hrs prior to schedule start)	N/A	24 hrs or 2 hrs (if request is received < 24 hrs prior to schedule start)	1000 day prior	N/A	1000 day prior	Customer confirm	20 minutes prior to the hour
<b>Monthly Non-Firm Point-to-Point</b>	Fixed Monthly ( 1 month based on calendar month)	5	1000 day prior	60 days prior	24 hours	2 calendar days	N/A	24 hours	1000 day prior	24 hrs, or earlier to comply with 1000 day prior scheduling deadline	1000 day prior	Customer confirm	20 minutes prior to the hour
<b>Weekly Non-Firm Point-to-Point</b>	Fixed Weekly (1 week to 4 weeks based on Mon-Sun Wk)	4	1000 day prior	14 days prior	4 hours	4 hours	N/A	24 hours	1000 day prior	24 hrs, or earlier to comply with 1000 day prior scheduling deadline	1000 day prior	Customer confirm	20 minutes prior to the hour
<b>Daily Non-Firm Point-to-Point</b>	Fixed Daily (1-7 days)	3	1000 day prior	<b>36 hours before service is to commence</b>	30 minutes	30 minutes	N/A	2 hours	1000 day prior	24 hrs, or earlier to comply with 1000 day prior scheduling deadline	1000 day prior	Customer confirm	20 minutes prior to the hour

Hourly Non-Firm Point-to-Point (Note 1)	Fixed Hourly (1-24 hrs per calendar day)	2	30 minutes prior to the hour	1200 day prior	30 min. or 20 min. prior to schedule start (whichever is less)	30 minutes or best effort	N/A	30 minutes for Day Prior requests and 5 minutes for current day	1 hour prior to schedule start	5 minutes	20 minutes prior to the hour	1200 day prior	20 minutes prior to the hour
Non-firm Point-to-Point from Secondary POR and/or POD (Note 6)	Based on the Firm Reservation	1	30 minutes prior to the hour	1200 day prior	30 min. or 20 min. prior to schedule start (whichever is less)	30 minutes or best effort	N/A	30 minutes for Day Prior requests and 5 minutes for current day	1 hour prior to schedule start	N/A	20 minutes prior to the hour	1200 day prior	20 minutes prior to the hour

**Notes:**

(1) Hourly non-firm schedules may use transmission capacity reserved by a higher priority schedule that does not have an associated energy schedule. If these higher priority schedules later decide to schedule energy (which they can do until 20 minutes prior to the hour), these HNF schedules would be displaced or curtailed and proper notification given.

(2) A Non-firm request cannot be submitted prior to the "No Earlier Than" time, or after the "No Later Than" time. Requests submitted outside this time frame will be considered Invalid. In the case of Yearly long-term requests, longer durations will be considered based upon circumstances.

**(3) Firm requests:** All firm requests are typically placed in "STUDY" status, to allow for MAPP impact calculator review results.

**Other Application Requirements Submission Deadlines for Firm requests of one (1) year or longer:**

Effective 03/01/2008 @ 00:00 CST, the written Application, Deposit, and non-refundable application processing fee for Firm Point-to-Point and Network transmission service requests of one (1) year or longer (as required per Tariff Sections 17.1-17.3 for Firm Point-to-Point transmission service and Sections 29.1-29.2 for Network service) must be received by close of business within five (5) business days of the OASIS Request Queued Date at the following address, or via wire transfer to Western:

Western Area Power Administration, Upper Great Plains Region, Operations and Transmission Advisor, 2900 4th Ave. N, Room 600, Billings, MT 59101 (or P.O. Box 35800, Billings, MT 59107-5800)

Wire transfer instructions will be provided, upon request. If the written Application, Deposit, and application processing fee are not received within five (5) business days of the OASIS Request Queued Date, the OASIS Request status will be changed to "Refused". For information, call Steve Sanders at (406) 255-2840 or Kass Portra at (406) 255-2842.

(4) Reserved.

(4) The processing of requests for transmission service will be based upon the following procedures and priorities based upon Western's OATT and incorporated NAESB WEQ Standards. If the transmission system becomes oversubscribed (lack of ATC), requests for transmission service may be displaced or superseded, using the Displace/Supersede timing requirements and are based on the following criteria (where "reservations" are defined as requests that have been confirmed, and "requests" are applications for service that have not been confirmed):

**Among Long Term Firm (Yearly Firm Service) and Network Firm tier --**

1. First come, first served (Note Section 2.2 of Western's OATT for provisions specific to rollover requests)

**Among Short Term Firm (Monthly, Weekly, and Daily) tier --**

1. Longer duration request will have priority over shorter duration requests based on service increment (i.e. Monthly, Weekly, Daily) and duration, then (see Note for Right of First Refusal)

2. When requests are of equal duration

- (a) Pre-Confirmed requests will have priority over Non-Pre-Confirmed requests, then
- (b) Among requests or reservations of same pre-confirmation status, priority will be based upon:

- (1) Highest price (if applicable) \*
- (2) Queue date/time of request or reservation

**Among Non-Firm tier --**

1. Longer duration requests will have priority over shorter duration requests based on service increment (i.e. Monthly, Weekly, Daily, Hourly) and duration, then (see Note for Right of First Refusal)

2. Pre-Confirmation requests, then

3. When of equal duration --

- (1) If the 1st request is confirmed --
  - (a) It will not be displaced by a competing same tier Non-Firm request, even though it may be for a higher price (if applicable) \* (NAESB WEQ Standard 001-4.22)
- (2) If the 1st request has been accepted but has not yet been confirmed and the 2nd request in the same tier is --
  - (a) Pre-Confirmed --
    - 1. The 1st request will be preempted by the 2nd request
  - (b) Not pre-confirmed --
    - 1. The 1st request takes priority

\* Western currently charges their "Up To" price for all transmission and does not offer discounts. Therefore, price does not impact the priority of competing requests.

**"Note for Right of First Refusal"**

**FIRM (Tier 2 - Short Term)** requests are handled on a first-come, first-served basis (first in the Queue), and where appropriate, will be offered the Right of First Refusal per section 13.2 of the Western OATT, if the short-term Firm reservation is in a confirmed but conditional status. Short-term Firm requests are not entitled to the Right of First Refusal unless they are in a CONFIRMED status. A confirmed short-term Firm reservation is considered conditional up to one (1) Day (for Daily Firm), one Week (for Weekly Firm), or one Month (for Monthly Firm) prior to schedule start. Once a reservation is no longer conditional, it may not be displaced. While a reservation is conditional, it can be preempted by a longer term (duration) higher or same-tier request (e.g. Daily firm can be displaced by Weekly or Monthly Firm; and a 1 Day Firm request can be preempted by a 2 Day Firm request); provided the competing request is a fixed-level of capacity during its entire term and at least the same amount of capacity. However, the shorter term reservation will have the Right of First Refusal if it is in a confirmed but conditional status and must be provided with the option of matching the longer term request (within the Right of First Refusal timing requirements), prior to being displaced. The subsequent short-term firm request must be confirmed (conditionally) in order to force the Right of First Refusal on the initial short-term Firm reservation.

**NON-FIRM (Tier 4)** requests are not entitled to the Right of First Refusal unless they are in a CONFIRMED status. Prior to that, a pending request can be preempted by a longer term (duration) or higher tier request, and no Right of First Refusal would be offered. An exception would be if service had been offered and prior to confirmation a subsequent request for service in the same tier and of equal duration and higher price (if applicable) is received, UNLESS the subsequent request is submitted as PRE-CONFIRMED. (NAESB WEQ Standard 001-4.25) A CONFIRMED reservation is considered conditional up to one (1) hour prior to schedule start. Once a Non-Firm reservation is no longer conditional, it may not be displaced by a subsequent Non-Firm request for longer duration. (NAESB WEQ Standard 001-4.23) While a Non-Firm reservation is conditional, it can be displaced by a longer term (duration) higher or same-tier reservation (e.g. Weekly Non-firm can be displaced by Monthly Non-firm and a 1 hour request can be displaced by a 2 hour request). However, the shorter term reservation, if it is CONFIRMED, will have the Right of First Refusal and must be provided with the option of matching the longer term request (within the Right of First Refusal timing requirements), prior to being displaced. The subsequent Non-firm request must be confirmed (conditionally) in order to force the Right of First Refusal on the initial Non-firm reservation.

**OTHER:** There is no Right of First Refusal between a long-term Yearly Firm or Network Firm and a short-term Firm request, a Firm and a Non-Firm request, a Network Service from Non-designated resources and a Firm request, or a Secondary POR/POD service request and any other service (Firm or Non-firm) request. In order for a subsequent longer duration request to force the Right of First Refusal, it must be submitted with the same level of capacity for all increments of service (e.g. all 3 days of a 3-day Daily request must have the same capacity).

(5) The Firm Transmission Requests "No Later Than" timing requirements are recommended, to facilitate a possible system impact study and to determine capacity available. The "No Earlier Than" timing requirements are based on the current "planning horizon" (i.e. a stop date within 10 years from the end of the current season, where summer season is 5/1@00:00-11/1@00:00, and winter season is 11/1@00:00-5/1@00:00). Western cannot evaluate the impacts of the request and the ATC remaining beyond the "planning horizon" as insufficient power system models are available beyond that time frame.

(6) Transmission customers purchasing Firm point-to-point transmission service, may request non-firm transmission service using secondary points of receipt (POR) and/or secondary points of delivery (POD). This service will be approved on an as available basis, will have an NERC TLR priority of 1, will not have the Right of First Refusal and will not displace any other firm or non-firm schedules. No additional transmission charges will be incurred for the non-firm service, however, the sum of the firm and non-firm transmission service shall not exceed the firm capacity reservation.

(7) Network customers may request Network service from non-designated resources on the Western Upper Great Plains Region OASIS page. This service will be approved on an as available basis, will have a TLR priority of 6, will not have the Right of First Refusal (i.e. can be displaced by any Tier 1 and Tier 2 Firm service increments), will not displace any firm schedules, but will have priority over any conditional Non-Firm schedules. No additional transmission charges will be incurred for the Non-designated resources service.

(8) When requesting Firm transmission service, the request must be contiguous over the term of the request. Requests for seasonal (non-contiguous) service shall be submitted separately.

(9) Once a request has been accepted by Western, the customer must either confirm or withdraw the request within the "Customer Confirm" timing requirements. Failure to do so, will result in the request being retracted. The customer confirmation time limit is reduced to 24 hours maximum for a customer that has been extended a Right of First Refusal for Weekly Firm Service or Monthly Firm Service. The customer confirmation time limits do not extend the 1000 day prior scheduling deadline. Therefore, a customer may be required to confirm a request earlier than the maximum time limits shown.

(10) As a transmission provider we will not always be able to meet the "Determine Capacity Available" timing requirement if the transmission system is constrained, and a competing request is received, where the Right of First Refusal must be offered to a preceding request. Western will not refuse the competing request until the Right of First Refusal option has been exercised by the preceding request. For Monthly, Weekly, and Daily Firm Service the provider evaluation time limit is 30 days subject to expedited time requirements of Section 17.1 of the Tariff. Best efforts will be made to respond within 72 hours, or prior to the scheduling deadline, whichever is earlier, to a Daily Firm Service request received during the period 2-30 days prior to start. Western's typical best efforts response times are: 1 week for Monthly Firm Service, 1 business day for Weekly Firm Service, and 1 business day for Daily Firm Service.

(11) Reserved.

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**Removal of Right of First Refusal (ROFR) related Business Practice language in Notes 4 and 6, which is included in the separate ROFR Business Practice update (Version 2.0).**

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