



Western Area Power Administration (Western) Simultaneous Submission Window Processing Business Practice

FERC Order 890 required transmission providers with a “no earlier than” time limit offer a simultaneous submission window (SSW). Western will deem all short-term firm requests received within the first five (5) minutes of the window opening as having the same queue time. Western will use a lottery methodology to allocate the transmission.

Transmission requests subject to the SSW and **eligible** for the lottery:

- Hourly-Firm (For Regions that offer this service);
- Daily-Firm;
- Weekly-Firm;
- Monthly-Firm;

Transmission requests not subject to the SSW and **not eligible** for the lottery:

- All non-firm products are not eligible for the lottery.
- All secondary (redirects on a non-firm) are not eligible for the lottery.
- Undesignated Network-Resource is not eligible for the lottery. While this product has a high NERC priority, 6, it is still considered to be a non-firm product.
- Yearly-Firm is not eligible for the lottery. There is “no earlier than” time limit associated with this product. A request for long-term firm can be made at anytime, due to this reason it isn’t eligible for the lottery. Western will continue to offer this product on a first come, first serve basis.

Lottery Allocation Methodology

All eligible transmission service requests received within the simultaneous submission window will be allocated to requesting Customers through a “Customer Allocation Lottery” as follows:

Prior to using the lottery methodology, Western will allocate the transmission in the following order:

1. Duration, requests with a longer duration will receive a priority;
2. Pre-Confirmed, requests will receive a priority over requests that are not pre-confirmed and have an equal or shorter duration;



3. Bid Price, if duration and pre-confirmed status are the same a priority will be given to a request with a higher bid price, not to exceed Western's transmission rate. (This only applies if the Transmission Provider offers Discounts)

For each set of requests submitted within the SSW with identical duration, pre-confirmation status and price, Western will use the lottery methodology to allocate the transmission. Western will run the lottery separately for the requests in the SSW for each transmission service type.

Possible Scenarios

1. Multiple requests received and after the lottery order has been determined only a portion of the last request can be accommodated. Western will counteroffer the last request the remaining amount of firm capacity. If the request is pre-confirmed, the Customer may accept or refuse the counteroffer, due to the Capacity granted differing from the Capacity requested.
2. If a scenario occurs where a Customer with a non pre-confirmed request doesn't confirm the transmission request within the allotted response time, Western will release the transmission capacity to the next selected request pending in the SSW, if applicable.