



Transmission Business Line (TBL)
Customer Comments and BPAT Responses
Reservation and Scheduling Business Practice, Version 4

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This document contains the customer comments and the TBL responses to those comments for the Reservation and Scheduling Business Practice, V4, posted for customer comment from 06/21/2004 through 07/12/2004.

Thank-you for your comments.

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Transalta

The following comments were submitted via email to the businesspractices@bpa.gov email box on 06/22/2004.

Section 3A(4)a. PTP Firm Reservation Windows

It appears that BPAT is proposing to change the time at which it evaluates the short-term market from 0700 to 0800. Reservation windows appear to be extended "through 0759.59 AM of the preschedule day."

For DAILY service, this implies that customers will not know the fate of their requests until sometime after 0800, when the daily market is nearly wrapped up. TransAlta has repeatedly tried to impress upon BPAT that short-term transmission evaluation must be EARLIER, not later.

The daily market generally starts at 0600 Pacific, slows down at 0630, and is really slow by 0700. What's the point of buying daily transmission service if it isn't confirmed until 0815?

The short-term market evaluation time must be earlier, or at the very least, not made any later.

TBL Response:

TBL proposed this change both in response to customer requests and to allow TBL more time to evaluate the market. Due to the customer concerns expressed during the comment period for this business practice, TBL has determined that it will conduct a 90-day trial of the 0800 window time before making a final decision.

Effective 10/18/2004, TBL will extend the window to 0800. At the end of the 90-day trial, TBL will make a decision about how to proceed. A notice about this trial will be posted on the TBL web site.

Powerex

The following comments were submitted via email to the businesspractices@bpa.gov email box on 07/14/2004.

The following comments are for the Draft Business Practice SCH-008, Reservation and Scheduling, Version 4.

2.M - Powerex continues to oppose the restriction of 5 reservation requests for the same POR/POD combinations and transmission product. This is an issue that needs to be addressed, and will be required to allow for Hourly Transmission purchases to be submitted over OASIS when the OASIS is fully functional, as noted in section 3.B.2. As the explanation for imposing a 5-request limit is due to the time for TBL to manually-process requests, TBL should clarify this limitation only applies to requests which need to be processed. If a customer withdraws a request before TBL has looked at it, the request no longer requires review or manual-processing and therefor would not justifiably count towards the request limitation.

TBL Response:

TBL is increasing the per-customer request limit to 8 requests per day received for the same POR/POD. All received requests will be evaluated. Invalid requests will not count as part of the 8-request limit.

Table A - PTP and NT Reservation Timing Requirements Powerex would like TBL to review its process for ensuring the evaluation time limits of this table are followed. Has the 30 days

limit on responding to Yearly Firm requests been adhered to when compared to the queued times in the LT Request Queue?

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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TBL Response:

TBL follows its Open Access Transmission Tariff, which defines timing requirements for responding to customers' yearly firm requests.