

General Transfer Agreement Delivery Charge

Background

Customers who purchase Federal power that is delivered over non-Federal low voltage transmission facilities pay a GTA Delivery Charge. The GTA Delivery Charge is a BPA Power Business Line charge for low voltage delivery service of Federal power provided under Transfer Service Agreements.

The GTA Delivery Charge has been set in the last two TBL rate cases, because it was not addressed in the FY02 PBL Rate Proceeding and it has been more convenient and cost effective to establish this rate as part of the TBL proceedings rather than holding a separate 7(i) process for this one rate. For both of these rate periods the GTA Delivery Charge has been set at the same level as TBL's Utility Delivery Charge for customers directly connected to TBL's low voltage facilities. Although the delivery charges are set equal to each other, there is no melding of GTA costs and TBL Delivery Segment costs. The revenues from the GTA Delivery charge are used to reduce the GTA costs that are included in other power rates. The current GTA Delivery Charge is effective through September 30, 2005.

Proposal

For FY06, PBL proposes to set the GTA Delivery Charge at the same rate as the Utility Delivery Charge. For FY07 and beyond, the GTA Delivery Charge would be determined through the Power Business Line's Wholesale Power Rate proceeding.