

Balancing Services Resources Prequalification

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Non-federal resources may be used to supply Balancing Services to BPA’s Balancing Authority Area (BAA) under a number of services offered by BPA. These include self-supply, and BPA’s acquisition of Balancing Reserves from a Third Party Supplier.

The Balancing Services Resources Prequalification Business Practice describes how a potential supplier of Balancing Services from a non-federal resource that wishes to supply Balancing Services must be approved in advance of supplying such services. BPA needs to know the operating characteristics of the resource and ensure that technical requirements necessary for BPA to call upon and monitor the reserves are met.

For more information, visit the BPA [BPA Transmission Business Practices webpage](#) or submit questions to techforum@bpa.gov.

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A. General Requirements

1. All resources that will supply Balancing Services must be approved in advance of supplying such services.
2. For a potential supplier of the non-regulating reserves portion of Balancing Services:
 - a. For those periods in which BPA is operating under Schedule 4 and Schedule 9, a potential supplier of non-regulating reserves may be from a resource located inside or outside BPA’s Balancing Authority Area. If the resource is outside the BPA Balancing Authority Area, it would need to secure Dynamic Transfer Capability (DTC) as outlined in BPA’s Dynamic Transfer Capability: Requesting and Awarding Access business practice. The resource will need to use a dynamic schedule for the reserves. The supplier may prequalify the resource approved at any time by meeting the requirements of this business practice.
 - b. For those periods in which BPA is operating under Schedule 4E and Schedule 9E, a potential supplier of non-regulating reserves must be a Participating Resource in the Energy Imbalance Market located within BPA’s Balancing Authority Area and may prequalify the resource at any time by meeting the requirements of this business practice.

3. A potential supplier of the regulating reserves portion of Balancing Services may be a resource located inside or outside BPA's Balancing Authority Area. If the resource is located outside the BPA Balancing Authority Area, the supplier is required to secure DTC as outlined in BPA's Dynamic Transfer Capability: Requesting and Awarding Access business practice. The resource will need to use a dynamic schedule for the reserves. The supplier may prequalify the resource any time by meeting the requirements of this business practice.
4. BPA will not accept bids from a potential Balancing Resource to supply Balancing Services for less than 30 Calendar Days until that resource has been prequalified and/or approved to provide Balancing Services in accordance with this business practice.
5. A potential supplier of Balancing Services must:
 - a. Install any communication or other equipment or systems necessary to supply Balancing Services, at its expense;
 - b. Agree to allow BPA to dispatch its Balancing Resource to the extent its resource was selected to supply Balancing Services through a Request For Proposal or to the extent its resource is made available to BPA under BPA's Self-Supply of Balancing Services Business Practice;
 - c. Have an approved Application for Balancing Services Prequalification (See Section B of this business practice) and have applied for and received an award of DTC; and
 - d. Maintain the accuracy of information provided to BPA concerning its resource. The failure to keep resource information up to date is grounds to disqualify the resource.
6. The supplier of Balancing Services must meet the requirements of all applicable business practices.

B. Application to Prequalify a Generating Resource or Demand Response Resource

1. A potential supplier of a Balancing Service must submit the "[Application for Balancing Service Prequalification](#)" for each Resource from which it expects to supply Balancing Services. Applications are to be submitted to the resource's Transmission Account Executives via email for approval.
2. Resources outside of the BPA Balancing Authority Area must complete the "[Application for Balancing Service Prequalification](#)" and notify their host Balancing Authority.
3. Provide any other information BPA may request that pertains to the resource's ability to supply Balancing Service.

C. Procedures for Responding to a Request to Prequalify a Generating Resource or Demand Response Resource

1. BPA will review a request to prequalify and/or approve a Generating Resource or Demand Response Resource and will provide a written response within 30 days of receipt of the request in the form of:
 - a. Approval of the request as submitted; or
 - b. Offer to approve the request in part, or upon the submission of information requested by BPA, or upon agreement to conditions BPA may reasonably propose, or
 - c. Denial of the request and setting forth the basis for the denial and describing the steps, if any, that must be taken to revise the request to increase the likelihood of approval.
2. BPA may designate a unique Balancing Services Centroid for each entity supplying Balancing Services.