

# **Contiguous Point of Delivery**

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This business practice describes how to request or change a Contiguous Point of Delivery (POD) the general criteria of a Contiguous POD and BPA obligations regarding Contiguous PODs.

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### A. Adding or Changing a Contiguous POD

1. A BPA PTP Customer who wants BPA to consider adding a new Contiguous POD or make changes to an existing Contiguous POD in its PTP Agreement must submit a written request to its assigned Transmission Account Executive that explains the reasons for the request and provides any supporting documentation.
2. BPA will evaluate requests to add or change a Contiguous POD according to the following criteria and any other relevant facts or circumstances:
  - a. All interconnection points on the delivery side of a contiguous POD must be interconnected through a transmission or distribution system.
    - i. If the Customer's system is operated normally open, the Customer and BPA will agree to an operating plan for any load shifting between and/or/amongst interconnection points in the contiguous POD to prevent adverse impacts on the reliability of the Federal Columbia River Transmission System (FCRTS). The interconnection points must be significantly interconnected electrically on both the high voltage side and the low voltage side of the load serving transformer.
  - b. In the event of an outage, each interconnection point within the contiguous POD must be capable of providing electric backup service to any other interconnection point of that contiguous POD so that retail customers within the load center served by the contiguous POD realize no interruption in service.
    - i. If a substation or interconnection serves two or more interconnection points at different voltage levels and the source is a single transmission line, the interconnection points may be considered part of a contiguous POD if there are reasonable technical and/or historical basis for doing so.
  - c. All interconnection points in the contiguous POD must be located on the same side of a Constraint or potential Constraint. Shifts in loads from one

interconnection point to another in the contiguous POD may not adversely affect any Constraint, such as those posted on BPA's Open Access Same-Time Information System (OASIS).

- d. All interconnection points within the contiguous POD must be in a single Balancing Authority Area (BAA); all power delivered to a contiguous POD must be scheduled.
- e. All points that are a part of the Southern Intertie are specifically excluded from consideration as interconnection points within a contiguous POD (see BPA's [Interties and External Interconnections in OASIS](#) document for the POR/PODs associated with the AC and DC Interties which combined are considered the Southern Intertie).
- f. Customers requesting a contiguous POD must be capable of receiving electric service at each of the interconnection points in the contiguous POD. If a Customer is requesting a contiguous POD to deliver to a third party, then that third party must be capable of receiving delivery at each of the interconnection points in the contiguous POD.
- g. Where necessary, the Customer must agree to use limits on the individual interconnection points included in the contiguous POD.
- h. Contiguous PODs are granted for combined real power (megawatts) delivery only.

## **B. Use of a Contiguous POD**

1. The status of an existing Contiguous POD shall be reviewed as needed.
  - a. An individual Customer's situation shall be reviewed if there are any changes in how its system is served or impacted by any transmission system conditions.
  - b. Customers must notify their assigned Transmission Account Executive prior to a change.
  - c. BPA reserves the right to modify any characteristics of a Customer's contiguous POD if changes in a system (BPA, Customer, third-party) warrant such modification.
2. Customers may not direct BPA to deliver a specific amount of demand to a specific interconnection point within the contiguous POD. BPA has no obligation to deliver specific amounts to individual interconnection points that constitute the contiguous POD.
3. BPA has no obligation to construct new facilities at or between interconnection points included in the contiguous POD as long as BPA can deliver the combined demands to the contiguous POD.