

Line and Load Interconnection Procedures, Version 3

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This Business Practice describes the steps and requirements for submitting a Lines and Loads Interconnection Request (LLIR). Entities seeking a transmission system interconnection without associated Point-to-Point (PTP) or Network Transmission (NT) Service must submit a LLIR.

A. Line & Load Interconnection Request (LLIR)

1. Point-to-Point (PTP) Transmission Service
 - a. All PTP Customers, and other entities seeking a transmission system interconnection without associated PTP or NT Transmission Service, must submit a Line and Load Interconnection Request (LLIR) on [BPA Form F 6420.25e](#) (located on the interconnection website) when requesting a new or modified transmission system interconnection. Submission Procedures below provide information on where to submit the request.
 - b. If the PTP Customer intends to link its LLIR with a request for PTP Transmission Service it must submit the Transmission Service Request (TSR) on the same calendar day of submission of the LLIR, using the new interconnection point requested in the LLIR as the POD in the TSR.
 - c. The TSR must state the request is linked to an Interconnection Request in the Customer Comments field.
 - d. A TSR at an interconnection point where no substation yet exists must include a geographical reference point identified as "NEWPOINT" in the Source or Sink field.
2. Network Integration (NT) Transmission Service
 - a. All NT Customers must submit a LLIR on BPA Form F6420.25 when requesting a new or modified transmission system interconnection. The submission procedures below in the Submission Procedures section provide information on where to submit the request.
 - b. Upon evaluation of a LLIR to serve Network Load Growth or a Network Load Transfer, BPA Transmission Services may reclassify the LLIR as New Network Load and require the NT Customer to submit a TSR pursuant to step c below.
 - c. NT Customers requesting new facilities to serve New Network Load must submit TSR under the OATT and compete for Available Transfer Capability (ATC).
 - i. A TSR at an interconnection point where no substation yet exists must include a geographical reference point identified as "NEWPOINT" in the Source or Sink field.
 - d. NT Customers requesting facilities to serve Load Growth are exempt from making a TSR under the OATT and from competing for ATC.
 - e. NT Customers wanting to designate new Network Resources in their NT Service Agreements must apply for NT Transmission Service.
 - f. If the NT Customer intends to link its LLIR with a request for NT Transmission Service it must state in the Customer Comment field of the TSR that the request is linked to an Interconnection Request.
3. Consistent with applicable law BPA Transmission Services requires compensation from the Customer to mitigate stranded costs if a new transmission system



interconnection will bypass or otherwise strand investment in an existing BPA Transmission Services' facility.

4. The table below is a summary for how interconnection requests are evaluated:

| Circumstance | LLIR | Application Tr Services (including Deposit) & Tr Queue Postings Required | Direct Assignment Guidelines Apply | Study Cost Responsibility | Funding of Network Facilities | Tr Credits Apply |
|--------------------------------------|------|--|------------------------------------|--|--|------------------|
| PTP, Merchant Line or New NT Service | Yes | Yes | Yes | Customer | Customer | Yes |
| New Network Load | Yes | Yes | Yes | Customer | Customer | Yes |
| Load Growth for NT Service | Yes | No | Yes | BPA Transmission Services ¹ | BPA Transmission Services ² /Customer | N/A |
| Convenience Point of Interconnection | Yes | Yes, when applicable | N/A | Customer | Customer | No |
| New Network Resource | Yes | Yes | Yes | Customer | Customer | Yes |

¹ Significant "What if" analysis and studies requested by the Customer will be done at the Customer's expenses.

² In most cases, BPA will not request advance funding for Network Upgrades driven by general load growth. However, BPA may require the customer to advance fund all or a portion of Network Upgrades if the upgrade is driven by an increase in load with a different risk profile, as determined by BPA, than the utility's general load growth. BPA will discuss with the customer the nature of the load needs driving the upgrade and the associated level of risk, including factors such as the size of the load, load diversity, and the project cost estimate prior to making a determination of the customer's advance funding obligation.

B. Advance Payment for Technical Studies

1. Customers requesting a transmission interconnection for new service or to serve New Network Load or a Convenience POD are required to provide advance payment to BPA Transmission Services upon execution of a Technical Study Agreement.
2. Where applicable, residual advanced funds shall be progressively applied to the remaining studies required. Any outstanding funds remaining at the completion of the studies will be refunded to the Customer.

C. Submission Procedures

1. To request a transmission interconnection, the Customer must submit its LLIR by one of the following mechanisms below:

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| US Postal Service | Bonneville Power Administration Transmission Marketing and Sales - TSE-TPP-2, P.O. Box 61409, Vancouver, WA 98666-1409 |
| Overnight Delivery Service (physical delivery: UPS, Fed Ex, etc.) | Bonneville Power Administration - Attn: (Addressee) Organization Mailstop: (e.g. TSE/TPP-2; TPC/TPP-4, TPP/OPP-3) 905 NE 11th Avenue Portland, OR 97232 |
| Facsimile (fax) | (360) 619-6940 A cover page specifying the number of requests and the total number of pages should accompany requests submitted by fax. BPA Transmission Services is not responsible for the failure of fax transmissions. |
| Email | Submit LLIRs to: Interconnection@bpa.gov Important: Enter "LLIR" as the Subject Line of the email. BPA Transmission Services will not accept an LLIR that is sent by email to other BPA Transmission Services email addresses. Emails sent to other email addresses will not be entered into the Interconnection Queue. |

Note: An LLIR transmitted by fax or email must be followed by a hardcopy to be received by BPA Transmission Services within five Business Days of the faxed or emailed request. If the hardcopy is not received, the request will be removed from the Interconnection Queue.

D. Processing the LLIR

1. Queue time of an LLIR is determined by the timestamp when BPA Transmission Services receives the LLIR determined as follows:
 - a. Email: the time that the email is received in the Interconnection mailbox
 - b. Fax: the time stamp on the fax
 - c. Mail: the time stamp when the request is opened
 - d. Overnight Delivery Service: time when the request is delivered to the BPA mailroom
2. BPA Transmission Services posts LLIR information to its Interconnection Queue located on the [Load Interconnection Capability webpage](#).

3. The type of service will specify “Line and Load Interconnection” if no separate transmission service is requested. In such case, only the POD associated with the LLIR will be posted.
4. Within 15 Business Days following receipt of the LLIR , BPA Transmission Services will provide the Customer with:
 - a. Acknowledgement of receipt of the LLIR
 - b. Notification of any deficiencies in the LLIR

E. Line & Load Interconnection System Impact Study (LLISIS)

1. Within 30 calendar days following receipt of a valid LLIR, BPA Transmission Services will provide the Customer with:
 - a. LLISIS Agreement
 - b. A non-binding, good faith estimate of the costs, if applicable
 - c. Estimated timeframe for completing the LLISIS
2. Within 30 calendar days following receipt of a valid LLIR, BPA Transmission Services will provide the Customer with:
 - a. Notification that an environmental study is required, if applicable
 - b. Environmental Study Agreement, if applicable
 - c. If BPA Transmission Services determines that an LLISIS is not necessary it will provide the Customer with an LLIFS Agreement pursuant to LLIFS section below.
3. No later than 15 Business Days after receipt of the LLISIS Agreement, the Customer will provide BPA Transmission Services the following:
 - a. Executed LLISIS Agreement
 - b. LLISIS advanced funds equal to the estimate provided by BPA Transmission Services, if applicable
 - c. Executed Environmental Study Agreement, if applicable
 - d. Environmental Study Advance Funds, if applicable
4. BPA Transmission Services will use reasonable efforts to complete the LLISIS no later than 60 calendar days from the receipt of the executed LLISIS Agreement.
5. Upon completion of the LLISIS, BPA Transmission Services will provide the Customer with a written LLISIS report and supporting documentation.

F. NEPA Study

1. If an environmental review is required, BPA Transmission Services will offer the Customer an Environmental Study Agreement (ESA) when the scope is determined.
2. The ESA may be modified as the Customer’s request is refined and additional environmental review tasks are identified.
3. If all other requirements have been met, upon completion and approval to proceed pursuant to the decision reached under the ESA, BPA Transmission Services will offer the Customer a Construction Agreement, if needed.

G. Line & Load Interconnection Facilities Study (LLIFS)

1. Within 30 calendar days after a completed LLIFS report BPA Transmission Services will provide the Customer with the following:
 - a. LLIFS agreement
 - b. A non-binding, good faith estimate of the costs, if applicable.
 - c. Estimated timeframe for completing the LLIFS
 - d. Notification that an environmental study is required, if applicable
 - e. Environmental Study Agreement, if applicable
2. No later than 15 Business Days after receipt of the LLIFS Agreement, the Customer will provide BPA Transmission Services the following:
 - a. Executed LLIFS Agreement
 - b. LLIFS advance funds equal to the estimate provided by BPA Transmission Services if applicable
 - c. Executed Environmental Study Agreement, if applicable
 - d. Environmental Study Advance Funds, if applicable
3. BPA Transmission Services will use reasonable efforts to complete the LLIFS within 60 calendar days of receipt of the executed LLIFS Agreement.
4. Upon completion of the LLIFS, BPA Transmission Services will provide the Customer with the written LLIFS report.
5. Upon completion of the LLIFS, BPA Transmission Services will refund any outstanding advance funds.

H. Construction Agreement

1. BPA Transmission Services will offer the Customer a Construction Agreement within 60 calendar days of the later of:
 - a. Completion of any NEPA process, if applicable, or
 - b. Completion of the LLIFS report.
2. No later than 15 Business Days after receipt of the Construction Agreement, the Customer will provide BPA Transmission Services an executed Construction Agreement. Failure to return the Construction Agreement within the timeframe may result in the Customer's request being subject to re-consideration of the construction and energizing timelines.

I. Additional Information

Policy References

- [OATT](#): Sections 13.5, 15.2, 15.4, 17.6.1, 19, 28.2, 29.4, 29.6,32, Attachment D
- [Technical Requirements for Interconnection to the BPA Transmission Grid](#)
- Customer Service Policy, July 1, 1984

Related Business Practices

- New Customer Application Process
- Guidelines for Direct Assignment

Version History

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