

TOA Interconnection Provisions  
(Summary)

1. Transmission Owner Generation and Loads. PTO must integrate its electric generation units, loads and other transmission and distribution facilities to the RTO West Transmission System under the standard form Generation Integration and Load Integration Agreements.
2. Pre-Existing Third Party Generation Interconnections. Third party generators interconnected with the PTO's system under pre-existing agreements may either (1) request the PTO to negotiate so as to allow replacement of the integration provisions of such agreements with an RTO West Generation Integration Agreement or (2) request the PTO to negotiate instructions, consistent with the pre-existing agreement, to govern access to the RTO West Transmission System.
  - If the parties are unable to agree on instructions under (2) above, RTO West may compel arbitration.
3. New Interconnections: The PTO must permit new physical interconnections with its electric system to serve new or existing loads or new or existing generating facilities subject only to (1) reasonable terms and conditions related to such physical interconnection; (2) receipt of necessary regulatory approvals; and (3) compliance with applicable environmental assessment, planning and reliability requirements.
  - If the interconnecting parties are unable to reach agreement within 60 days (or such extended period as may be agreed or is necessary to comply with applicable environmental requirements), RTO West may compel the PTO to participate in expedited dispute resolution. The arbitrator shall be instructed to accept the PTO's proposed interconnection agreement terms if they are either **(1)** (i) reasonable, (ii) not contrary to FERC requirements, (iii) do not conflict with a GIA or LIA that the interconnecting party will execute with RTO West, (iv) are not in conflict with interconnection standards adopted by RTO West and (v) are not unreasonably discriminatory or preferential with respect to the PTO's other comparable interconnection agreements or **(2)** are required pursuant to the interconnection standards adopted by RTO West. Arbitration decisions may be appealed to FERC.
  - The PTO's interconnection standards shall apply to the PTO's system, but RTO West may modify the PTO's standards as they apply to the PTO's RTO West *Controlled* Transmission Facilities, provided that any such modifications comply with applicable NERC and WSCC reliability and safety requirements.
  - RTO West agrees to take necessary actions to protect the PTO's facilities in the event of failure of the interconnecting party to comply with any such requirements.
4. Upgrades and Expansions: In support of upgrades and expansions determined by RTO West to be needed, the PTO must, consistent with applicable law:
  - Permit the installation and interconnection of such upgrades and expansions to any of its Transmission Facilities. The PTO's interconnection standards shall

apply unless and until modified by RTO West with respect to the RTO West *Controlled* Transmission Facilities, provided that any such modifications comply with applicable NERC and WSCC reliability and safety requirements.

- Cooperate with RTO West, to the extent permitted under applicable law, to obtain necessary siting and other permits and licenses, to obtain necessary rights-of-way, and with the planning and construction of the upgrade or expansion.
- Subject to the exception below, take necessary and appropriate steps, to the extent permitted under applicable law, to exercise its eminent domain authority, take appropriate regulatory and judicial actions to condemn necessary rights-of-way and, if necessary, acquire legal ownership of such upgrades.
  - If the PTO may not exercise such eminent domain authority under applicable law, RTO West reserves its right to file a request for construction of facilities pursuant to section 211 of the Federal Power Act.
- The PTO shall not be obligated to incur or assume any of the costs of such cooperation, exercise of eminent domain authority, regulatory or judicial actions or legal ownership except as provided in rates charged pursuant to an RTO West Tariff.
- If the PTO fails to promptly and completely comply with its obligations with respect to upgrades or expansions, RTO West may exercise any remedy available to it including (1) petitioning FERC for an order under Sections 210 or 211 of the Federal Power Act or (2) arranging for the upgrade or expansion through a third party and assigning the costs pursuant to its rate-setting authority under the TOA and under its Tariff.