Business Practice Process
Tariff, Rate Schedule and Business Practices Distinctions

Customers want to understand the distinction between what is included in the tariff, the rate schedule and Business Practices.

**BPA Tariff**
Terms and conditions for transmission service established in TC-20 and future Terms and Conditions proceedings

**Final decision by BPA Administrator documented in a Record of Decision**

**BPA Transmission Rate Schedule**
- Transmission rates for service established in rate cases on a two year cycle
- Addresses rates, cost of service and cost allocation issues

**Transmission Business Practice**
Implementation details for BPA OATT and BPA Transmission and Ancillary Service Rate Schedules, including operational details

**Final decision by BPA Management after consultation and input from customers**
Business Practice Process Update

• The posted Business Practice (BP) process documentation of 12 Transmission Providers in June 2018 to identify common practices.

• At the July TC-20 Tariff Customer Meeting, BPA shared the information gathered through the scan, reviewed concepts for potential adoption, and requested comments.

• With consideration of common practices and comments received, BPA has developed a draft update to the BPA Business Practice process.
Business Practice Comment Period

What we heard:

• Minor BP changes could have unforeseen impacts and should not have a reduced comment period.
• The comment period should be fixed at 4 weeks.

Proposed process:

• A BP updated with administrative changes may be posted as effective with a 5 business day comment period.
• All other BPs will have a 20 business day comment period.
Business Practice Comment Period

What we heard:
• Comment period extensions should be allowed.
• BPA should not have the ability to expedite the adoption of Business Practices.

Proposed process:
• BPA may initiate a longer comment period to anticipate customer needs.
• BPA replaced the option to post a BP as effective with no comment period and unspecific language with a defined process.
Conference Call

What we heard:
• BPA should continue to host calls to review BP changes

Proposed process:
• Schedule conference calls approximately 6 days after a comment period begins to provide more time to draft comments.
Comments, Concerns, and Questions

No comments were received regarding the comment intake process.

Proposed process:
• Confirmation of receipt and comment posting will be done within 1 business day.
• Comments received after the close of a comment period will not be posted or appear in the comment response.
Response to Comments, Concerns, and Questions

No comments were received regarding BPA’s comment response process.

Proposed process:
• BPA will prepare a written response to comments within 15 business days after the close of a comment period and the response will be posted the next business day.
• If more time is needed to prepare the response, BPA will send notification of the expected completion date.
Revisions

No comments were received regarding the revision of a proposed BP or on the final posting process.

Proposed process:
If comments result in substantive revisions to a draft BP, the BP may be posted for a 10 business day comment period and a conference call may also be scheduled.