

Grid Access Transformation Update Public Workshop, September 4, 2025

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Don Bain 9/4/2025 1:26 PM • The Total Project MW Commitment says 1,000MW, when rest of chart is for a 100MW project. Please clarify.

Erin Jensen 9/4/2025 1:32 PM • The project increases TTC by 1000 MW but the TSR in this example uses only 100 MW of that capacity

Abbey Nulph | BPA GAT Planning Program Manager 9/4/2025 1:33 PM • The "total project" is the line upgrade needed

Alex Swerzbin 9/4/2025 2:09 PM • We appreciate the creative approach AR stated. Multiple Batch Studies at one time, using third parties and internal BPA staff, both capacity models being used and others as needed, to study the queue and make offers or not.

Jake Stephens 9/4/2025 2:12 PM • Thanks for answering. I agree that the dollars at each phase are refunded as the phase is closed out. However, if that phase takes a long time (like years) -- including due to BPA process, resource constraints, etc -- then the deposits are held in long duration. We have two separate PEA \$10MM +/- deposits already held for ~3 years; one with little engineering process (\$300k of actuals); another that is now EGP 500-KV build for region, but we're still (to our knowledge) the only party, with \$8MM in PEA, that appears likely to be held until 2034+/- (if build goes quickly).

Abbey Nulph | BPA GAT Planning Program Manager 9/4/2025 2:15 PM • multiple batch studies at once are not possible since the plans of service that would be identified in different studies are not necessarily "stackable"

Melanie Bersaas - BPA 9/4/2025 2:18 PM • Yes, we will have a separate website

Tashiana Wangler - Avangrid 9/4/2025 2:18 PM • Will ex parte rules apply to the tariff proceeding, once it is begun?

Brian McConnell | BPA 9/4/2025 2:19 PM • Yes, ex parte will apply in the upcoming tariff proceeding.

Rahul Kukreti (BPA) 9/4/2025 2:20 PM • Thanks for the question Tashiana, as Katie just shared, we are planning pre-proceeding workshops as well before we initiate the formal proceeding (with the federal register notice) - which is when ex parte applies.



Brian McConnell | BPA 9/4/2025 2:20 PM • To clarify, ex parte will apply when the formal tariff proceeding starts which is when the FRN is published.

Tashiana Wangler - Avangrid 9/4/2025 2:20 PM • Okay, thank you, I understand now. Appreciate it.

David Meyer 9/4/2025 2:30 PM • Jake, that was a great point and hearing more of that discussion with BPA would be greatly appreciated.

Jake Stephens 9/4/2025 2:31 PM • Process: Also, discussion is worthwhile here on how much is ALL going into this tariff proceeding. Vs breaking apart into major pieces. Currently it feels like we have 3-5 major separate things, that each deserve their own space and process -- and perhaps some are, some aren't, tariff/contested.

Jake Stephens 9/4/2025 2:32 PM • Also, some of the topics also might have different discovery space and requirements. Like NITS LARC & LLIR load processes needs and forecasting --and BPA commitments/obligations to serve "how much growth, how fast" may be very very different from transmission TSR study.

Jake Stephens 9/4/2025 2:36 PM • It seems like the "scope" (how much, what not, and/or divvying up topics) is something that should have its own discussion space, not just be something BPA just tells us. The GAT mega-scope -- without consulting w/ all of us -- and "here ya go" was part of the problem already in GAT

Don Bain 9/4/2025 2:37 PM • A problem Jake & Abbey was talking about arises for several reasons: There's more resources chasing off take agreements than off takers' need and a timing conflict: developers can't commercially justify very large process deposits before they have commercial assurance the project is a GO. The latter doesn't exist until long after an IPP must submit a service request. Resolving this requires changes to resources procurements processes.

Sidney Villanueva 9/4/2025 2:50 PM • Offering interim service is very different than requiring it.

Michael; Dynasty 9/4/2025 3:11 PM • David - that was a great comment about transmission utilization. As we move forward to a Capacity and Carbon Free market, there are going to be 2-3x coverage in terms of paper transmission needs vs actual flows, in addition to energy needs.

Tashiana Wangler - Avangrid 9/4/2025 3:12 PM • Would you please ask speakers to identify who they are representing?



Abbey -- I appreciate the response about confirmed TSRs coming with a variety of inherent features, flexibility, and value -- particularly redirectability. And believe it's important - per my verbal comments -- that this be protected, including ability to request from *wherever* to *wherever* that customer is interested in getting service. Including by not forcing associations with generators or specific counterparties (or discriminating, asserting discretion, based on BPA's views of type & place of use, as to what might be more valid).

Sidney Villanueva 9/4/2025 3:15 PM • Would BPA like comments on this workshop by any certain date?

