Deferral of Transmission Service Business Practice

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Problem Statement

Current Challenge

- Under existing BPA practices, a deferral TSR is automatically refused if the parent reservation contains OASIS actions that decrement capacity before confirmation, such as redirect requests.

Impact

- Redirect requests must be removed, or the deferral request is rejected.
- Customers are forced to withdraw valid redirect requests, resulting in the loss of their queue position, simply to complete a deferral transaction.
- Adapting to timeline changes. The need for deferrals.

Resulting Inefficiencies

- Unnecessary disruption to customer transmission plans.
- Increased administrative burden for both customers and BPA.
- Additional queue churn and transactional inefficiency.
- Reduced flexibility without providing a corresponding reliability or operational benefit.

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Solution (Proposed Change)

6. A Deferral TSR will be REFUSED if:
   a. There is insufficient capacity for the deferred time; or
   b. The Parent Reservation has OASIS actions that decrements the capacity needed to enable a Deferral TSR prior to being CONFIRMED, except in the case of pending redirect requests. In the event a Parent Reservation has both a pending Deferral Request and Redirect Request, the Redirect Request will NOT reference the Parent Reservation but will instead be tied to the new Deferral TSR AREF number.

- This does not change the existing encumbered capacity of the parent. It simply aligns the redirect request to the newly created TSR #.

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Benefits

Reduces Administrative Burden

- Minimizes unnecessary withdrawals, resubmittals, and restudies.
- Avoids studies driven by procedural constraints rather than actual project viability.
- Reduces BPA workload associated with queue churn and disruption.

Preserves Queue Integrity

- Allows customers to maintain established queue positions and capacity rights rather than withdrawing and re-entering the queue.
- Reduces unnecessary queue disruption and volatility during periods when processing is paused.

Improves Certainty & Flexibility

- Provides customers the ability to respond to changing commercial, regulatory, and project-development timelines.
- Balances needed flexibility without sacrificing queue stability or transparency.

Enhances Regional Planning

- Supports more orderly queue management and more reliable planning assumptions.
- Improves efficiency, predictability, and transparency for all stakeholders.

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Conclusion

- The proposed change removes an unintended procedural obstacle, enabling efficient processing of deferral requests while reducing administrative burden and improving alignment with customer needs.

- The proposal preserves queue stability, reduces administrative burden, and improves BPA's overall efficiency and planning effectiveness.

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