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This business practice explains the criteria and requirements to complete a Consolidation of Point-to-Point (PTP) Transmission Service on the Open Access Same-Time Information System (OASIS).

BPA Policy Reference
- Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT): Section 13.2

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A. General Criteria

1. A Customer may combine multiple Firm PTP Parent Reservations into a single Consolidation reservation consistent with the criteria and requirements of this business practice.

2. Long-Term Firm (LTF), Short-Term Firm (STF), and Hourly Firm PTP Transmission Service are eligible for Consolidation.

3. All Parent Reservations included in a Consolidation TSR must be of ‘like’ PTP Transmission Service.
   a. The PTP Transmission Service type (e.g., STF-MONTHLY PTP) must be the same for all Parent Reservations (e.g., STF-MONTHLY PTP) and the Consolidation TSR itself must be the same Service Type as the Parent Reservations (e.g., STF-MONTHLY PTP).
   b. The Point-of-Receipt (POR) and Point-of-Delivery (POD) must be the same for all Parent Reservations and the resulting Consolidation TSR.
   c. If a Source and Sink fields are populated in any Parent Reservation, then they must be populated the same for all Parent Reservations and the resulting Consolidation TSR.

4. All Parent Reservations included in a Consolidation TSR must have reached their conditional reservation deadline (per Section 13.2 of BPA’s OATT). The conditional reservation deadline is visible in the Unconditional field on the Transmission Reservation Detail screen on OASIS.
a. Once the Consolidation TSR is CONFIRMED on OASIS, the Consolidation Reservation will have also reached its own conditional reservation deadline and will not be subject to Preemption (see the Preemption of Short-Term Requests and Reservations Business Practice).

5. The Start and Stop Times of the Consolidation TSR must fall within the bounds of the earliest Start Time and the latest Stop Time of the Parent Reservations included.

5-6. The capacity allocated from a Parent Reservation allocated to the Consolidation TSR may not exceed will be no greater than the capacity still available on that Parent Reservation after deducting considering all other existing transactions, such as Resales, Redirects, or e-Tags.

6. All attributes of the transmission service under the Parent Reservations remain with the Parent Reservations until the Consolidation TSR is CONFIRMED on OASIS, at which point they are, except as provided in Section B, relinquished from the Parent Reservations for the term of the Consolidation.

7. The Consolidation Reservation has the same right to perform Redirects and Resales as any other Firm PTP Transmission Service.

8. The Start and Stop Times of the Consolidation TSR must fall within the bounds of the earliest Start Time and the latest Stop Time of the Parent Reservations included.

9. BPA will not modify Existing Exhibits for request type of Consolidation.

10. Requests for Consolidation will not incur any new or additional Billing charges.

B. General Restrictions

1. Conditional Firm Transmission Service may not be included as a Parent Reservation in a Consolidation TSR.

2. A Resale reservation may not be included in a Consolidation TSR.

3. Consolidation of LTF Transmission Service does not convey Reservation Priority (i.e., Renewal) from the Parent Reservation to the Consolidation Reservation. Reservation Priority remains with the LTF Parent Reservations and does not transfer to the Consolidation reservation.

4. A Consolidation Reservation may not be transferred to another Customer.

C. Consolidation TSR Submittal Requirements


   a. Request Type: CONSOLIDATION.
   
   b. Preconfirmed.
   
   c. Sale Ref: Must contain the Customer’s 5-digit PTP Transmission Service Agreement contract number assigned by BPA.

2. After the Consolidation TSR is QUEUED on OASIS, BPA will validate the request for compliance with adherence to the required criteria and requirements in this business practice.
a. Consolidation TSRs that fail this evaluation will be set to INVALID on OASIS.

b. Consolidation TSRs with the service type = LTF YEARLY PTP must be manually evaluated and approved during normal business hours. Customers should please plan accordingly.

c. If the Consolidation TSR passes the validation and is set to ACCEPTED by BPA, the Consolidation TSR will be automatically CONFIRMED on OASIS as the Consolidation Reservation.