Contiguous Points of Delivery

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This business practice describes how to request or change a Contiguous Point of Delivery (POD) the general criteria of a Contiguous Point of Delivery (POD) and BPA obligations regarding how to request or make a change to a Contiguous PODs.

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A. Contiguous POD General Information

1. The Contiguous POD applies only to Point-to-Point (PTP) transmission service.
2. The Contiguous POD is a set of individual PODs sharing a common boundary service area that are aggregated and treated as a single POD in a PTP Transmission Service Request (TSR).

B. Adding or Changing a Contiguous POD-Criteria

1. A BPA PTP Customer who wants BPA to consider adding a new Contiguous POD or make changes to an existing Contiguous POD in its PTP Agreement must submit a written request to its assigned Transmission Account Executive that explains the reasons for the request and provides any supporting documentation.

2. In order for Contiguous PODs to be agreed to by BPAT, the criteria below must be met: BPA will evaluate requests to add or change a Contiguous POD according to the following criteria and any other relevant facts or circumstances:

   a. All PODs-interconnection points on the delivery side of a contiguous POD must be interconnected through a transmission or distribution system.

      a.i. If the Customer's system is operated normally open, the Customer and BPA will agree to an operating plan for any load shifting between and/or amongst PODs-interconnection points in the contiguous set-POD to prevent adverse impacts on the reliability of the Federal Columbia River Transmission System (FCRTS). The PODs-interconnection points...
must be significantly interconnected electrically on both the high voltage side and the low voltage side of the load serving transformer.

b. In the event of an outage, each interconnection point POD within the contiguous set POD must be capable of providing electric backup service to any other POD interconnection point of that contiguous set POD so that retail customers within the load center served by the contiguous set of PODs realize no interruption in service.

i. However, if a substation or interconnection serves two or more interconnection points PODs at different voltage levels and the source is a single transmission line, the interconnection points PODs may be considered part of a contiguous POD if there are reasonable technical and/or historical basis for doing so.

c. All interconnection points PODs in the set of contiguous PODs must be located on the same side of a constraint or potential constraint. Shifts in loads from one interconnection point POD to another POD in the contiguous set POD may not adversely affect any constraint, such as those posted on BPA’s Open Access Same-Time Information System (OASIS).

d. The Transmission Customer may not direct BPA Transmission Services to deliver a specific amount of demand to a specific POD within the contiguous set of PODs. BPA Transmission Services has no obligation to deliver specific amounts to individual delivery points that constitute the contiguous set of PODs. BPA Transmission Services has no obligation to construct new facilities at or between PODs included in the contiguous set of PODs as long as BPA Transmission Services can deliver the combined demands to the contiguous sets of PODs

e. All interconnection points PODs within the contiguous set of PODs must be in a single Balancing Authority Area (BAA); all power associated with the delivered to a contiguous set of PODs must be scheduled.

f. All PODs associated with the Southern Intertie are specifically excluded from consideration as part of a contiguous set of PODs (Big Eddy, John Day, California-Oregon Border, Nevada-Oregon Border).

g. All points that are a part of the Southern Intertie are specifically excluded from consideration as interconnection points within a contiguous POD (see BPA’s Interties and External Interconnections in OASIS document for the POR/PODs associated with the AC and DC Interties which combined are considered the Southern Intertie).

h. The utility Customers requesting a contiguous PODs must be capable of receiving electric service at each of the interconnection points PODs in the contiguous set POD. If a utility Customer is requesting a contiguous PODs to deliver to a third party, then that third party must be capable of receiving delivery at each of the interconnection points PODs in the contiguous set POD.

i. Where appropriate necessary, the Customer must agree to use limits on the individual interconnection points PODs included in the contiguous set of PODs.

j. Contiguous PODs are granted for combined real power (megawatts) delivery only.
j. These criteria shall be reviewed as needed. An individual Customer’s situation shall be reviewed if there are any changes in how its system is served or impacted by any transmission system conditions. The Customer must notify their BPA Account Executive prior to a change. BPA Transmission Services reserves the right to modify any characteristics of a Customer’s contiguous POD if changes in a system (BPA, Customer, third-party) warrant such modification.

C. Requesting a Contiguous POD

1. A BPA PTP Customer who wants BPA to consider adding a new Contiguous POD or make changes to an existing Contiguous POD in their PTP Agreement must contact their Transmission Account Executive in writing.

B. Use of a Contiguous POD

1. These criteria status of an existing Contiguous POD shall be reviewed as needed.
   a. An individual Customer’s situation shall be reviewed if there are any changes in how its system is served or impacted by any transmission system conditions.
   b. The Customers must notify their BPA-assigned Transmission Account Executive prior to a change.
   c. BPA Transmission Services reserves the right to modify any characteristics of a Customer’s contiguous POD if changes in a system (BPA, Customer, third-party) warrant such modification.

2. The Transmission Customers may not direct BPA Transmission Services to deliver a specific amount of demand to a specific interconnection point POD within the contiguous set of PODs. BPA Transmission Services has no obligation to deliver specific amounts to individual delivery interconnection points that constitute the contiguous set of PODs.

3. BPA Transmission Services has no obligation to construct new facilities at or between interconnection points PODs included in the contiguous set of PODs as long as BPA Transmission Services can deliver the combined demands to the contiguous sets of PODs.