

# **Non-Federal Balancing Services Resource Prequalification**

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Non-federal resources may be used to supply Balancing Services to BPA's Balancing Authority Area (BAA). This business practice describes the advance approval process that all non-federal resources must follow prior to supplying such services. The prequalification process ensures that a non-federal resource meets the necessary operating characteristics and technical requirements for supplying Balancing Services.

### BPA Policy References

- [Open Access Transmission Tariff \(OATT\)](#): Schedule 3; Schedule 4; Schedule 9; Schedule 4E; Schedule 9E; Schedule 10
- [Transmission Rate Schedules/Provisions](#): Ancillary and Control Area Service Rates, Section 1A

For more information, visit the [BPA Transmission Business Practices webpage](#) or submit questions to [techforum@bpa.gov](mailto:techforum@bpa.gov).

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## A. General Requirements

1. Non-federal resources may be used by Customers to self-supply balancing capacity or by BPA to provide Balancing Services.
2. All non-federal resources, including Demand Response Resources, that will supply Balancing Services must be approved in advance of supplying such services.
3. Requirements for a potential supplier of the non-regulating reserves portion of Balancing Services:
  - a. For those periods in which BPA is operating under BPA OATT Schedule 4 and Schedule 9, a potential supplier of non-regulating reserves may be from a resource located inside or outside BPA's BAA.

- i. If the resource is outside the BPA BAA:
    - 1. The supplier is required to secure Dynamic Transfer Capability (DTC) as outlined in the Dynamic Transfer Capability: Requesting and Awarding Access Business Practice,
    - 2. The resource must use a dynamic schedule for the reserves, and
    - 3. The supplier may prequalify the resource approved at any time by meeting the requirements of this business practice.
  - b. For those periods in which BPA is operating under BPA OATT Schedule 4E and Schedule 9E, a potential supplier may be from a resource located inside or outside BPA's BAA.
    - i. A potential supplier of non-regulating reserves must be a Participating Resource in the Energy Imbalance Market located within BPA's BAA and may prequalify the resource at any time by meeting the requirements of this business practice.
    - ii. If the resource is outside the BPA BAA:
      - 1. The potential supplier is required to secure Dynamic Transfer Capability (DTC) as outlined in the Dynamic Transfer Capability: Requesting and Awarding Access Business Practice,
      - 2. The resource must use a dynamic schedule to the BPA BAA boundary for the reserves, and
      - 3. The potential supplier may prequalify the resource approved at any time by meeting the requirements of this business practice.
- 4. Requirements for a potential supplier of the regulating reserves portion of Balancing Services may be a resource located inside or outside the BPA BAA.
  - a. If the resource is located outside the BPA BAA:
    - i. The supplier is required to secure DTC as outlined in the Dynamic Transfer Capability: Requesting and Awarding Access Business Practice;
    - ii. The resource must use a dynamic schedule for the reserves; and
    - iii. The supplier may prequalify the resource at any time by meeting the requirements of this business practice.
- 5. A potential supplier of Balancing Services must:
  - a. Install any communication or other equipment or systems necessary to supply Balancing Services, at its expense;
  - b. Agree to allow BPA to dispatch its Balancing Resource to the extent its resource was selected to supply Balancing Services through a Request For Proposal or to the extent its resource is made available to BPA under the Self-Supply of Balancing Services Business Practice;
  - c. Have an approved Application for Balancing Services Prequalification (see Section B of this business practice);
  - d. Have applied for and received an award of DTC (if applicable); and

- e. Maintain the accuracy of information provided to BPA concerning the resource.
  - i. The failure to keep resource information up to date is grounds to disqualify the resource.
- 6. The potential supplier of Balancing Services must meet the requirements of all applicable business practices.

## **B. Application to Prequalify a Generating Resource or Demand Response Resource**

- 1. A potential supplier of a Balancing Service must submit the [Balancing Service Prequalification Application](#) for each resource from which it expects to supply Balancing Services.
  - a. For resources outside of the BPA BAA, the potential supplier must also notify their host Balancing Authority.
- 2. Applications must be submitted to [ReservesManagement@bpa.gov](mailto:ReservesManagement@bpa.gov) with a copy to the potential supplier's assigned Transmission Account Executive via email for approval.
- 3. The potential supplier must provide any other information BPA may request that pertains to the resource's ability to supply Balancing Service.

## **C. Prequalification Application Processing**

- 1. BPA will provide the results of the application review in writing within 30 Calendar Days of receipt of the Balancing Service Prequalification Application. Review will result in one of the following determinations:
  - a. Application approval.
  - b. Offer to approve in part, or in total upon the submission of additional information requested by BPA, or upon agreement to conditions BPA may reasonably propose.
  - c. Denial of the application, the basis for the denial, and a description of any steps that must be taken to revise the request to increase the likelihood of approval.
- 2. Upon approval, BPA may designate a unique Balancing Services Centroid for each entity supplying Balancing Services.