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This business practice describes the calculation of the Unauthorized Increase Charge (UIC), with example scenarios where a UIC applies, and the process to request a UIC waiver or reduction.

BPA Policy Reference

- Transmission Rate Schedules/Provisions: Unauthorized Increase Charge (UIC)

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A. UIC Calculation

1. A UIC will be issued on the transmission bill when a schedule or schedules exceeds the reservation capacity rights on a POR to POD path. Reservation capacity rights are based on Point-to-Point TSR POR/POD combinations grouped by Firm (7-F), Non-Firm (2-NH, 3-ND, 4-NW, and 5-NM combined), and secondary (1-NS) products.

2. Examples:
   a. During an hour, a Customer has scheduled 310 MW of Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service on a POR/POD segment of an e-Tag, and the available reservation capacity rights for the same POR/POD in its transmission portfolio are 300 MW of Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service. A 10 MW UIC will be assessed.
   b. During an hour, a Customer has scheduled 310 MW of Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service on a POR/POD segment of an e-Tag, and the available reservation capacity rights for the same POR/POD in its transmission portfolio are 300 MW of Firm Point-to-Point and 10 MW secondary Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service. A 10 MW UIC will be assessed.
B. Requesting Waiver or Reduction of UIC

1. A written request for a waiver or reduction of a UIC may be submitted to the Customer’s assigned Transmission Account Executive. The request must include all of the information necessary to demonstrate that it satisfies the criteria for a waiver or reduction as described in the UIC Transmission Rate Schedules.

2. The Customer should make best efforts to submit a written request for a waiver to its assigned Transmission Account Executive within 60 Calendar Days after receipt of the transmission bill with the UIC. Upon receipt of a waiver request, BPA will evaluate and decide whether to grant the waiver within 60 Calendar Days.

3. If a waiver or reduction is granted, BPA Customer Billing will issue the Customer an appropriate credit as soon as practicable.