

Short-Term Available Transfer Capability (ST ATC) Proposed Improvement

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Agenda

1. Proposed ST ATC Improvement: Eliminate Short-term Adjustments (SADJs) for Deferral Transmission Service Requests (TSRs)
2. Wrap up and Next Steps

Proposed Improvement

1. BPA uses SADJs to manage capacity released by Deferral TSRs in the Short-term horizon (0 – 13 months)
 - a. When a Deferral TSR is Confirmed in the OASIS system, capacity is released for the time period that has been deferred
 - b. BPA uses SADJs to encumber this released capacity for possible Deferral competitions
 - c. At four months out, if no competition is identified, SADJs are modified to release the capacity for the fourth month out
 - d. This is a legacy process that mostly impacts BPA's flow-based ATC paths
 - e. This process is noted in BPA's ATC Implementation Document (ATCID)

Proposed Improvement (cont.)

2. Although BPA uses these SADJs to encumber ST ATC for potential Deferral competitions, BPA has not held a Deferral competition since the Deferral competition process was updated several years ago
3. A valid challenger would need to meet the following criteria:
 - a. Same path as the Deferred TSR
 - b. Challenger's TSR is in the long-term pending queue
 - c. Start date of challenger's TSR is prior or equal to the start date of the Deferral TSR

Proposed Improvement (cont.)

4. BPA recently strengthened its Deferral TSR capacity management processes in BPA's offline TSR management tools
5. As part of this work, BPA evaluated whether the legacy Deferral SADJs process was still needed and concluded that this process is now obsolete
 - a. Deferral TSRs are encumbered for in BPA's Existing Transmission Commitments process based on the Service Commencement Date of the Original TSR
 - b. BPA sells to Pending ATC in its short-term horizon, and has already encumbered ST ATC for all potential challengers in the long-term pending queue

Proposed Improvement (cont.)

6. Given the results of this evaluation, BPA will be discontinuing the use of SADJs to manage capacity released by Deferral TSRs
7. This change will not impact BPA's Deferral competition processes in any way
 - a. BPA will continue to evaluate Deferrals for potential competitions as BPA does today

Wrap up and Next Steps

1. BPA would like to implement this change at our next base case system update in the middle of February 2026
2. The ATCID will be updated and a Tech Forum sent before the change is implemented
3. Please send Questions/Comments to techforum@bpa.gov, with a copy to your Account Executive