

# Short Term (ST) ATC Timelines and Releases

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The user guide provides information on ST ATC timelines and major drivers of releases of ST ATC within the 0-13 months ST Horizon (ST Horizon), in accordance with BPA's [ATC Implementation Document](#) and business practices.

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## A. Preschedule Days

Refer to the WECC Preschedule Calendar on the [WECC website](#) for Approved Scheduling Days that may impact the standard Preschedule days below:

| Weekday:                                                                                 | Preschedules For:   |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Monday                                                                                   | Tuesday             |
| Tuesday                                                                                  | Wednesday           |
| Wednesday                                                                                | Thursday            |
| Thursday                                                                                 | Friday and Saturday |
| Friday                                                                                   | Sunday and Monday   |
| BPAT accepts Preschedule requests submitted after these dates until the day before flow. |                     |

## **B. Hourly Service Release Timelines**

1. Hourly Firm service is made available at 09:00:00 of the Preschedule Day.
2. Non-Firm Hourly (NFH) service is made available at 10:00:00 of the Preschedule Day.
3. Additional NFH is made available at 22:00:00 each day for the 24 hours in the next day based on unscheduled firm.

## **C. Total Transfer Capability (TTC) Changes to ST ATC**

TTC changes on a path may increase/decrease ST ATC at any time. Changes are driven by:

- Unplanned outages which may occur on a path at any time.
- Planned outage which are generally incorporated into TTC studies 10 to 16 days prior to an outage start date.

## **D. ST ATC Changes due to Redirects**

ST ATC may be released due to Redirects when:

- Long-Term Firm (LTF) Redirect TSR is CONFIRMED from a LTF Parent Reservation.
- CONFIRMED ST Redirect Reservation becomes Unconditional from a LTF Parent Reservation.
- CONFIRMED ST Redirect Reservation becomes Unconditional from an Unconditional ST Parent Reservation.
- CONFIRMED ST Redirect from a Conditional ST Parent Reservation.

## **E. Pending Existing Transmission Commitment (PETC) Release**

BPA encumbers PETC for all requests in the LT Pending Queue. On a rolling fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) month PETC is released unless a LT offer of service for a TSR has been identified within the 0-4 month time frame. (Example: at the end of October 2026, PETC will be released for February 2026.)

## **F. Transition Month Release**

On a rolling basis, a new 13<sup>th</sup> month is transitioned into the ST Horizon. ST ATC will be made available for the new 13<sup>th</sup> month at that time. (Example: during October 2026 the 13<sup>th</sup> month is November 2027, at the end of October the new 13<sup>th</sup> month will be December 2027.)

## **G. Basecase Studies Release**

ST ATC may increase or decrease when new monthly base case studies are incorporated into OATI calculations in the middle of February, May and October.

## **H. Other ST ATC Changes**

The additional changes below may also change ST ATC at any time:

- LT deferral of service.
- LT and ST awarded service.
- Flow-based/1:1 Path TTC changes (beyond outages)
- ST Adjustments for data modeling purposes.
- Transmission Loading Relief (TLR) Avoidance (per Section E of the [Transmission Service Request \(TSR\) Evaluation Business Practice](#)).