

Questions For Transmission Business Model/Pro Forma Gap Analysis Comment Period

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BPA seeks comments on the proposals presented during the 2017 [Transmission Business Model/Pro Forma Gap Analysis workshops](#). While customers and stakeholders are welcome to provide comments on anything discussed during this process, BPA has provided some questions below to solicit comments on specific issues BPA.

Submit comments to techforum@bpa.gov by **December 8, 2017**.

General Process Questions

1. Should BPA plan meetings based on availability of proposals or would customers prefer a predictable cadence such as meeting monthly or quarterly? Or should BPA consider a mix of both?
2. What format do customers prefer for the upcoming workshops? Do customers prefer meetings at the Rates Hearing Room or Webex-based conference calls? Other alternatives?

Ancillary Services

1. Do customers agree with moving terms and conditions of ancillary services out of the rates process?
2. Please comment on the adoption of generation imbalance language in the tariff.

Available Transmission Capability

1. As BPA develops ATC performance metrics and attempts to calibrate it's assumptions to achieve a more "risk-based" commercial request evaluation process:
 - a. What types of data might you like to see to inform your feedback?
 - b. Do you have any suggestions on metrics we should consider?
2. Have you had any experience with other forms of congestion information, other than ATC, that provided insight into transmission congestion and/or availability?

Hourly Firm

1. BPA currently uses long term reservations/requests to plan system expansions. Hourly firm redirects comprise greater than 80% of hourly firm PTP activity. Assuming those redirects change how long term reservations are utilized, what information would you suggest BPA use to plan for system expansions?
2. If BPA were to eliminate hourly firm, what would you like to see done/changed before it's eliminated?
3. What specific product attributes and/or process changes would you recommend-BPA evaluate as we identify potential alternatives to unlimited hourly firm sales?



Network Integration Transmission Service

1. How should BPA manage/encumber NT customer resource forecasts when the customer itself is not sure of the source (multiple resources forecasted)?
 - a. Currently BPA encumbers the higher of the forecast resources and the FCRPS, is there a better way to approach this?
 - b. Should the number of possible resources be limited?
2. What are key features that should be addressed in a Network Operating Agreement?
3. What are the key questions or topics you would like to see addressed in our interim solution?

Queue Management

1. Please identify any implementation issues you'd like us to consider or develop scenarios for?
2. Please provide any suggestions on the proposed timeline, particularly if there is anything else we should consider?

Real Power Losses

1. From a customer perspective, what are the barriers to making the election to pay back transmission losses financially rather than in-kind?
2. What are the perceived barriers to using concurrent losses?

Study Process

1. As BPA develops an updated study process, what are the areas that will be of most interest or importance to change?
2. As BPA develops an updated study process, what are the areas that will be of most interest or importance to remain the same?
3. What are your key business needs that you need the updated study process to effectively address?

Tariff Engagement Design

1. Please provide feedback on BPA's proposal to follow the procedural requirements of Federal Power Act section 212(i)(2)(A)(ii) to develop a new tariff.
2. Please provide suggestions for topics you would like addressed in future 212 Hearing workshops.