

**Ancillary Control Services (ACS) Practices Forum
Informal Summary Meeting Notes
January 22, 2013**

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ACS Forum Deliverables and Schedule - including a staged Customer Election

Customers were supportive of staging the election to allow more time to flesh out the individual ACS Forum items (April 1 for VERBS base/self-supply/committed scheduling and June/July for electing service levels). BPA received feedback that it should try to get information as early as possible as to the level of interest in Full Service and ESS. Customers encouraged BPA to continue to be granular when mapping out the forums. Renewable NW Project also intimated that they will propose in the Rate Case that BPA hold a mid-Rate Period customer election. BPA staff stated aim of identifying Agency intentions regarding 15-minute scheduling by March 1.

Definitions of Base, Full, and ESS services

Meeting participants held a full and productive discussion about the meaning of the service levels in the Initial Proposal. Reviewed basic knowledge and provided a good foundational understanding for making elections. The service level definitions and the ACS deliverable tables will serve as a good reference tool for customers throughout the forum and customer elections. Informal survey of participants indicates a continuing reluctance to acquire full service. There is customer interest in further elaborating on the value of base and full service. In discussion of ESS the question was asking if there were any other cost changes, BPA staff responded that in the initial proposal BPA was removing the administrative charge.

Committed Intra-Hour Scheduling

BPA staff walked customers through its current Committed Intra-Hour Scheduling business practice to create a starting point for BP14 committed scheduling business practice (proposed 30/60, 30/30, and any other increments that may result in the Rate Case). The effort was made to familiarize stakeholders with the requirements to participate and the metrics and enforcement used by BPA. Feedback from PGE, a current user of committed scheduling, was positive. BPA also identified some issues, such as POD locations, and developing means to work with customers on mechanical scheduling components which can be discussed at future ACS Forums. Questions emerged regarding reporting performance in the current CIH business practice. BPA followed up with a clarifying Tech Forum notice (see Tech Forum: "ACS Practices Forum Follow-up: Committed Intra-Hour Scheduling Business Practice Question" on 1/24/13).

Scheduling Tokens

Brenda Anderson of BPA reviewed the current NWPP scheduling token efforts and led a robust discussion about the BPA and BPA customer perspectives. There is a diversity of opinion on tokens, and some customers question whether tokens will ultimately be useful, but it was generally accepted that there is definite potential that Tokens could be a workable solution. BPA and its stakeholders will continue to work on Tokens in the ACS Forum in the near term as well as to report on the related proceedings of the NW Power Pool.

Lastly:

Some customers still communicate concerns that BPA and its stakeholders may not have sufficient time and/or meetings to prepare for making elections. This concern

exists despite the time gained by staging the elections. BPA staff held open the potential of scheduling more meetings in February. The group will make a decision on this in the February 5 ACS Forum.

There are still a number of customers who voiced that the Initial Proposal does not go far enough in rethinking how BPA holds reserves and provides balancing services. Ongoing ACS Forums will continue to solve for the identified requirements and advance discussions related to the provision of balancing service.

Action Items:

1. BPA position on 15-minute scheduling by April
2. Develop survey to get info on service level elections during April election
3. Further articulate and the 7/1 deliverables
4. CIH treatment of same hour exemption for curtailment (resolved via tech forum)
5. Posting the glossary of terms
6. Post meeting notes