



Transmission Services

Announcement of 2009 Network Open Season

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This document contains information on key dates and events for BPA Transmission Services' 2009 Network Open Season (NOS).

All Transmission Service Requests (TSRs) for which customers have submitted Completed Applications for Long-Term Firm service across BPA's network prior to 5 pm PDT, on June 30, 2009, will be eligible for the 2009 NOS. This includes those TSRs that participated in the 2008 NOS but which were determined to be ineligible for embedded rate treatment.

Customers with eligible TSRs will be required to sign a Precedent Transmission Service Agreement (PTSA) to participate in the 2009 NOS and for their TSR to remain in the queue. Participating TSRs will be included in a Cluster Study. BPA will conduct the Cluster Study in accordance with the procedures in section 19.10(i) and 32.6(i) of the BPA Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT).

Key dates for the 2009 NOS are as follows:

June 1: 2009 NOS commences.

June 30 (5 pm PDT): Deadline to submit a new TSR or modify an existing TSR and participate in 2009 NOS.

June 1 to August 3: BPA will offer a PTSA for each TSR eligible for 2009 NOS.

August 19 (5 pm PDT): Deadline for BPA to receive signed PTSAs and verification that the required security has been received.

Week of August 31: Announcement of queue update results; Cluster Study begins.

Early January 2010: Announcement of Cluster Study results.

End of March 2010: Announcement of Commercial Infrastructure Financing Policy results.

End of April 2010: Announcement of 2009 NOS recommendation for public comment.

No later than May 31, 2010: Announcement of Administrator's 2009 NOS Decision (embedded rate treatment determination).

Transmission Services will provide additional information on participation in the NOS process in upcoming public meetings and through posting a 2009 NOS Bulletin.

Following the deadline for returning signed PTSAs, receipt of security, and any ruling by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regarding proposed OATT modifications that are necessary to implement the 2009 NOS, Transmission Services will update its

long-term TSR queue. Transmission Services will change the status of TSRs for which PTSAs were not signed and/or security was not received to "Declined" and will remove those TSRs from the queue.

Effective June 1, 2009, all long-term service offers will be in the form of a PTSA, with the following exceptions:

- Transmission Services will continue to grant requests for long-term Reservation Priority under section 2.2 of the OATT.
- Deferrals under section 17.7 of the OATT and Transfers under section 23 of the OATT will also still be processed.
- Network competitions under sections 2.2 and 17.7 of the OATT will resume following the queue update.
- Firm transmission service and Conditional Firm Service offers for parties with PTSAs in place from 2008 NOS will continue to be processed. Any offers of Conditional Firm Service for parties with a signed and secured 2009 NOS PTSA will be made after the 2009 NOS queue update is complete.

TSRs for service on the network submitted after 5 pm PDT on June 30, 2009, will be ineligible for the 2009 NOS and will not be offered a PTSA for the 2009 NOS.

Transmission Services will validate these TSRs at the time of receipt and will place them into Study status. Transmission Services will evaluate its ability to provide transmission service for these TSRs after all 2009 PTSAs are evaluated (following the queue update).

TSRs for service over the Southern and Montana Interties are ineligible for the 2009 NOS. Transmission Services will process these TSRs in accordance with the non-NOS OATT provisions.

Information on the 2009 NOS is available at

http://www.transmission.bpa.gov/customer_forums/open_season_2009/default.cfm.

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