



## Transmission Services

### Notice

## Implementation of the Decision on the Long-Term Firm ATC Methodology

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To all interested parties,

BPA Transmission Services has concluded its evaluation of the proposed alternatives for evaluating the network flowgate impacts of long-term firm requests (commonly referred to as the Composite POD evaluation methodology). Consistent with the alternatives described in the October 20, 2010 Customer Forum [presentation](#), Transmission Services has elected to replace the Composite POD evaluation methodology with a POR/POD evaluation methodology, add a second *de minimis* test, and expand the *de minimis* impact dead-band bucket (Alternative #5 in the 10/20/10 presentation). The preceding changes will be effective April 1, 2011. Following are some details of the implementation of the new methodology:

- Long-term firm redirect requests that have been granted service without a PTSA will be processed under the new Long-Term ATC Methodology [evaluation method](#) and [de minimis tests](#) on April 1, 2011.
- There is no change to Transmission Services' policies with respect to redirecting while in an active deferral state - see Redirects business practice.
- The Long-Term Pending Queue spreadsheet will be updated on April 1, 2011 to reflect the new evaluation method.

The replacement of the Composite POD evaluation methodology has specific impacts to NOS participants. Following additional feedback and consistent with the selection of Option #2 of the February 9, 2011 Customer Forum [presentation](#), Transmission Services is issuing the 24 month notice for the removal of the Composite POD evaluation methodology to NOS participants through the 2008, 2009 and 2010 Network Open Season Bulletins, effective April 1, 2011. This notice will have the following impacts:

- Long-term firm redirect requests among Network PODs submitted by PTP Customers that have been or will be granted service through the Network Open Season process (through a signed PTSA), will be granted without an ATC evaluation through April 1, 2013. Once the notice period expires, all Redirect Requests (whether or not the parent TSR was associated with a 2008, 2009, or 2010 PTSA) will be evaluated using the new Long-Term ATC Methodology [evaluation method](#) and [de minimis tests](#).
- Long-term firm transmission service requests in Transmission Services' pending queue that have an associated PTSA from the 2008, 2009 or 2010 NOS will be

offered a one-time opportunity to modify the Network POD listed in those TSRs to another Network POD. This right will continue until the 24-month notice period expires on April 1, 2013. Once that notice period expires, customers with requests in the pending queue will no longer have this right.

Thank you,

Transmission Services