

Balancing Services Resources Prequalification

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Non-federal resources may be used to supply Balancing Services to BPA's Balancing Authority Area (BAA) under a number of Services offered by BPA. These include Self-Supply, CSGI and BPA's acquisition of Balancing Reserves from a Third Party Supplier.

The Balancing Services Resources Prequalification Business Practice describes how a potential supplier of Balancing Services from a non-federal resource that wishes to supply Balancing Services must be approved in advance of supplying such services. BPA needs to know the operating characteristics of the resource and ensure that technical requirements necessary for BPA to call upon and monitor the reserves are met.

This business practice does not apply to resources used to reduce station control error pursuant to BPA's Customer Supplied Generation Imbalance policy.

For more information, visit the [BPA Transmission Business Practices page](#) or submit questions to techforum@bpa.gov.

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A. General Requirements

1. All resources that will supply Balancing Services must be approved in advance of supplying such services.
2. A potential supplier of Balancing Services from a resource located within BPA's Balancing Authority may prequalify that resource at any time by meeting the requirements of this business practice.
3. A potential supplier of Balancing Services from a resource located outside BPA's Balancing Authority may have that resource approved at any time by meeting the requirements of this business practice.
4. BPA will not accept bids from a potential Balancing Resource to supply Balancing Services for less than 30 calendar days until that resource has been prequalified and/or approved to provide Balancing Services in accordance with this Business Practice.
5. A potential supplier of Balancing Services must:

- a. install any communication or other equipment or systems necessary to supply Balancing Services, at its expense;
 - b. agree to allow BPA to dispatch its Balancing Resource to the extent its resource was selected to supply Balancing Services through an RFP or to the extent its resource is made available to BPA under BPA's Self Supply Business Practice;
 - c. have an approved Application for Balancing Services Prequalification (See Section B of this Business Practice); apply for and receive an award of Dynamic Transfer Capability if the supplier expects to use a Generating Facility to supply Regulation or Following dynamically, but does not need an award of Dynamic Transfer Capability to schedule Generation Imbalance using a dynamic schedule; and
 - d. Maintain the accuracy of information provided to BPA concerning its resource. The failure to keep resource information up to date is grounds to disqualify the resource.
6. The supplier of Balancing Services must meet the requirements of all applicable Business Practices.

B. Application to Prequalify a Generating Resource or Demand Response Resource

1. A potential supplier of a Balancing Service must submit the "[Application for Balancing Service Prequalification](#)" for each Resource from which it expects to supply Balancing Services. Applications are to be submitted to the resource's BPA Transmission Account Executives via email for approval.
2. Resources outside of the BPA BAA must complete the "[Application for Balancing Service Prequalification](#)" and notify their host Balancing Authority.
3. Provide any other information BPA may request that pertains to the resource's ability to supply Balancing Service.

C. Procedures for Responding to a Request to Prequalify a Generating Resource or Demand Response Resource

1. BPA will review a request to prequalify and/or approve a Generating Resource or Demand Response Resource and will provide a written response within 30 days of receipt of the request in the form of:
 - a. Approval of the request as submitted; or
 - b. Offer to approve the request in part, or upon the submission of information requested by BPA, or upon agreement to conditions BPA may reasonably propose, or
 - c. Denial of the request and setting forth the basis for the denial and describing the steps, if any, that must be taken to revise the request to increase the likelihood of approval.

2. BPA may designate a unique Balancing Services Centroid for each entity supplying Balancing Services.