

Dynamic Transfer Capability: Requesting and Awarding Access

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This business practice provides the process to request access to Dynamic Transfer Capability on BPA’s network and identifies how requests are evaluated and awarded.

For purposes of this business practice, “network” refers to BPA transmission facilities other than the Northwest AC Intertie (NWACI) and the Pacific DC Intertie (PDCI). Access to Dynamic Transfer Capability on the NWACI is governed under the Dynamic Transfer Operating and Scheduling Requirements Business Practice, or its successor. Dynamic Transfers are not allowed on the PDCI.

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

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A. Requesting Access to Dynamic Transfer Capability

1. An Applicant seeking access to Dynamic Transfer Capability on BPA’s network for a new use must request access using the [Dynamic Transfer Capability Access Request](#) form and pursuant to this business practice.
2. Request forms for access to Dynamic Transfer Capability must be submitted to BPA at DynamicRequestQueue@bpa.gov.
3. BPA will confirm receipt of requests for access to Dynamic Transfer Capability via email.
4. Except as provided below, an Applicant may request access to Dynamic Transfer Capability at any time including prior to execution of a transmission Service Agreement. Because an award of Dynamic Transfer Capability on BPA’s network is location-specific, use-specific, and resource-specific, there is no queue for requests for access to Dynamic Transfer Capability on BPA’s network.
 - a. If an Applicant requests access to Dynamic Transfer Capability for the purpose of removing a generator from BPA’s Balancing Authority, self-supplying ancillary services, or making some other rate case election that requires access to Dynamic Transfer Capability, the request must be received by:
 - i. Close of Business on the last Friday of August of the year prior to the beginning of a rate period;

- ii. In the case of a mid-rate period election, by Close of Business on the last Friday of August of the year prior to the mid-rate period election date, if any, as established in a BPA rate proceeding; or
 - iii. Any other date established under BPA's self-supply programs and related business practices.
- b. Requests received after the rate period election dates described in Section A.4.a will be considered after BPA processes the requests received in compliance with Section A.4.a.

B. Evaluating Requests for Access to Dynamic Transfer Capability on BPA's Network

1. If BPA determines that an Applicant's request for Dynamic Transfer Capability will not impact Dynamic Transfer Capability or, if granted, would have a *de minimis* impact on Dynamic Transfer Capability, BPA may grant the request at any time without the need for a formal study. Such awards will not result in a reduction of available network Dynamic Transfer Capability.
 - a. Applicants requesting access to Dynamic Transfer Capability are responsible for the costs associated with studying the request.
 - i. BPA will provide the Applicant with a reimbursable study agreement requiring the Applicant to pay for the actual costs of the study, along with an estimate of the cost and timeframe for completing the study. The Applicant must return the executed study agreement to BPA within 15 Calendar Days.
 - ii. If no study is required, there will be no charge to the Applicant.
2. In allocating available Dynamic Transfer Capability, BPA shall grant requests so as to:
 - a. Preserve Historic Uses;
 - b. Preserve Committed Uses; and
 - c. Account for operational and reliability needs of BPA's system.
3. In evaluating requests, BPA will seek to optimize awards of Dynamic Transfer Capability so as to grant as many requests as possible.
4. BPA will take the following additional information into consideration prior to making any offers:
 - a. In evaluating a request, BPA will consider use of (or failure to use) Dynamic Transfer Capability previously awarded.
 - b. Impacts on the interconnected system, sub-grid system, and/or local area system that could potentially cause dynamic transfer constraints between the POR and POD as determined by BPA Transmission Operations.
 - c. The limits of Dynamic Transfer Capability on the Northern Intertie (limited to 300 MW), which is part of BPA's network.

C. Offering Access to Dynamic Transfer Capability

1. BPA will notify the Applicant whether its award has been granted and the term of the Dynamic Transfer Capability award as soon as practicable.
2. BPA may:
 - a. Deny a request entirely;
 - b. Grant a request as submitted;
 - c. Offer to grant a request in part; or
 - d. Offer to grant a request conditioned on meeting additional requirements necessary to maintain reliability or to meet the requirements of this business practice.
3. For a request for Dynamic Transfer Capability that does not change BPA's Balancing Authority Area boundary, the stop date will be no later than the end of the rate period in which the Dynamic Transfer will begin.
4. For a request for Dynamic Transfer Capability that changes BPA's Balancing Authority Area boundary, BPA will consider a stop date later than the end of the rate period in which the Dynamic Transfer will begin.
5. BPA reserves the right to limit the term of any long-term Dynamic Transfer Capability award for a new use and may impose additional requirements such as, but not limited to, recalling the award for reliability purposes or requiring the Applicant to agree to reimburse BPA for costs BPA may incur in honoring a long-term request.
6. An Applicant must notify BPA of its acceptance or rejection of a Dynamic Transfer Capability award within 10 Business Days of receipt of the Dynamic Transfer Capability award offer by BPA.
7. A Dynamic Transfer Agreement or, if appropriate, an amendment to an existing agreement, will be offered to an Applicant whose request for access to Dynamic Transfer Capability has been granted as submitted or an offer of a partial or conditional grant has been accepted by the Applicant.
8. Dynamic Transfer Agreements will include the following provisions:
 - a. The Dynamic Transfer Agreement is contingent on the Applicant executing appropriate agreements with impacted Balancing Authority Areas.
 - b. BPA will not allow a Dynamic Transfer involving the BPA Balancing Authority and another Balancing Authority to occur until the necessary contracts have been executed, as determined by BPA, and until that Balancing Authority has agreed to comply with the applicable requirements of the Dynamic Transfer Operating and Scheduling Requirements Business Practice, or its successor.
 - c. Any use of Dynamic Transfer Capability must be consistent with the Dynamic Transfer Operating and Scheduling Requirements Business Practice, or its successor.
 - d. The Applicant may terminate or reduce its use of Dynamic Transfer Capability as may be agreed between BPA and the Applicant.
 - e. If a new use conflicts with a Historic Use or Committed Use, the Historic Use or Committed Use will prevail.

- f. The Applicant may not redirect rights to use Dynamic Transfer Capability under the Dynamic Transfer Agreement.
 - g. BPA may temporarily suspend or limit use of Dynamic Transfer Capability as BPA determines necessary to protect reliability or to address some other adverse system condition.
9. The Applicant must return an executed Dynamic Transfer Agreement to BPA within 15 Calendar Days of the Date of Tender.
10. If, prior to that deadline, BPA receives the Applicant's written request for an extension, BPA may grant an extension not to exceed an additional 15 Calendar Days.
11. If the Applicant fails to return an executed Dynamic Transfer Agreement within the specified time, the Applicant's request will be deemed withdrawn.
12. Once the Dynamic Transfer Agreement is executed, BPA will work with the Applicant to ensure telemetry and other operational requirements necessary to comply with applicable business practices are met prior to implementing Dynamic Transfers.