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This Business Practice describes the requirements and process for renewing (rolling over) transmission service.

OATT Reference

- [Sections 2.2; 13.2; 14.2](#)

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A. General Provisions

1. A Customer who elects to change its Existing Exhibit to Short-Term service will not have Reservation Priority Rights when the Short-Term service expires.
2. A Contingent Exhibit will not be offered with the Extension for Commencement of Service provision described in the OATT, Section 17.7.
3. No competition will occur if a Customer with an Existing Exhibit has exercised its Reservation Priority Rights and the ATC associated with the Existing Exhibit will not satisfy a Competing Request either in whole or part.
4. No competition will occur under OATT Section 2.2 if a Competing Request has an outstanding System Impact Study (SIS) including sub-grid studies underway and those study issues cannot be resolved by the release of the Existing Exhibit's capacity.
5. A Service Agreement with a Service Commencement Date on or after October 1, 2001, that is associated with a TSR received prior to April 20, 2000, is limited to three consecutive rollovers of one year each following the termination of such advance reservations.
6. This Business Practice does not apply to Service Agreements with a Service Commencement Date on or after October 1, 2001, that are associated with a TSR received between April 20, 2000 and September 24, 2000 (2002 Transmission Rate Case –Transmission Record of Decision TR-02-A-01, Appendix A).

B. Exercising Reservation Priority Rights

1. A Customer must submit its Renewal Request at least one year prior to the termination date of the Existing Exhibit under its Service Agreement (See [TSR Procedures, Submitting a Reservation Priority Renewal](#)) The Customer's TSR must be for a term of five years or more for the service requested to have Reservation Priority Rights
2. Any subsequent Renewal Requests must be for five years or longer for the Renewal Request to have Reservation Priority rights
3. The Renewal Request must include the AREF of the Parent Reservation in the Related-Ref field. (See Attachment A for Reservation Priority Request Procedures).
4. The service POR, POD, Source, Sink and Path must be the same on both the Renewal Request and the Parent Reservation.
5. The start time of the Renewal Request must be equal to the stop time of the Parent Reservation.
6. Product type conversion of the Parent Reservation may be requested at the time of renewal and must be evaluated before it can be awarded. Renewal Request must be submitted before requesting conversion of product type. The conversion request may be submitted on the same day as the Renewal request but must be submitted prior to Confirming the Renewal request. Renewal of the Parent Reservation will be awarded if requested conversion cannot be granted. If requested conversion can be granted, it is then awarded as the new Parent Reservation.
7. The Existing Exhibit in the Service Agreement shall expire on the termination date of that exhibit if the Customer does not submit a Renewal Request prior to the applicable Renewal Request deadline.
8. Renewal Requests that are received after the applicable Renewal Request deadline will be DECLINED.
9. BPA Transmission Services will offer a Renewal Exhibit within 30 calendar days of receipt of the Customer's Renewal Request.

C. Criteria of a Competing Request

1. A Competing Request must meet the following criteria to be considered:
2. The capacity available for competition may be less than the requested capacity of the Competing Request, but only if the capacity that can be offered can be made at the same (flat) level for the entire term of the Competing Request.
3. The Service Commencement Date must be on or before the termination date of the Existing Exhibit.
4. The minimum term that BPA Transmission Services can offer in the Contingent Exhibit must equal the term of the renewal request plus one year.
5. Any required studies, including those that address the sub-grid, must have been completed or would no longer be needed if the capacity held under the Existing Exhibit is released to the Competing Request.

6. The TSR for Long-Term Firm Transmission Service must be submitted in OASIS before BPA Transmission Services receives a Renewal Request from a Customer to exercise its Reservation Priority Rights.
7. There must be sufficient ATC to accommodate executing the Competing Request, as calculated using the [ATC Impacts of Long-Term Firm Requests ATC Methodology](#) supporting document.
8. The amount of capacity that BPA Transmission Services can offer to the Competing Request must be greater than or equal to the capacity that must be released by the holder of the Existing Exhibit to enable the Competing Request.
 - a. Examples of a Competing Request
 - i. A 10 MW TSR is a Competing Request if the holder of an Existing Exhibit must release 10 MWs, or less, of its capacity to enable it.
 - ii. A 100 MW TSR is a Competing Request if the holder of an Existing Exhibit to the TSR must release all or part of its capacity of 50 MWs to enable it.
 - b. Example of a non-Competing Request:
9. A 10 MW TSR is not a Competing Request if the holder of an Existing Exhibit must release 12 MWs of its capacity to enable it.

D. Competition Procedures

1. BPA Transmission Services will consider one Competing Request at a time when processing a Renewal Request unless sufficient time remains to offer additional Competing Requests.
2. BPA Transmission Services will determine whether a Challenger is present in its OASIS once a Renewal Request is given an OASIS status of the Received.
3. If no Challenger is found in the OASIS, BPA Transmission Services will process the Renewal Request in accordance with procedures for processing Long-Term Firm TSRs.
4. If a Challenger is found in the OASIS, BPA Transmission Services will send the following documents to both the Defender and the Challenger on the same day:
 - a. Unexecuted Renewal Table(s) to the Defender with description of the full range of possibilities that exist as a result of the competition.
 - b. Unexecuted Contingent exhibit to the Challenger.
5. The Challenger's request will be given an OASIS status of DECLINED and receive no further consideration if the Challenger fails to:
 - a. Execute and return the Contingent Exhibit to BPA Transmission Services within 15 calendar days from receipt of the Contingent Exhibit offered by BPA Transmission Services.
 - b. Submit a Challenger's Competition Request within 15 calendar days from receipt of the Contingent Exhibit offered by BPA Transmission Services.

6. If the Challenger meets the requirements specified in 5 above BPA Transmission Services will provide written notification to the Defender of the outcome of the challenge and set the Defender's competition flag in OASIS to yes.
7. After receiving written notification, the Defender will be given at least five calendar days, but no more than 15 calendar days, after receipt of written notification from BPA Transmission Services to execute and return the appropriate Renewal Table(s) refer to 4.a above to BPA Transmission Services and take one of the following actions:
 - a. Match the term of the Challenger's Competition Request or Release all or part of its capacity (the portion it would have to release to enable the Contingent Contract) to the Challenger.
 - b. Submit a Defender's Competition Request.
8. If the Defender responds within the timeframe specified in step 5 above, BPA Transmission Services will:
 - a. Give the Defender's Competition Request an OASIS status of ACCEPTED.
 - b. Execute the Defender's Renewal Table(s).
9. If the Defender released all or part of its capacity to the Challenger as described in step 7.a above, BPA Transmission Services will give the Challenger's Competition Request an OASIS status of ACCEPTED and execute the Challenger's Contingent Exhibit.
10. If the Defender fails to respond within the timeframe specified in 5 above, BPA Transmission Services will:
 - a. Give the Defender's Renewal Request(s) an OASIS status of DECLINED.
 - b. Give the Challenger's Competition Request an OASIS status of ACCEPTED.
 - c. Execute the Contingent Exhibit with the Challenger.
11. BPA Transmission Services will send authenticated exhibits and tables to the Defender and Challenger within five calendar days.
12. If BPA Transmission Services receives a subsequent Renewal Request for another Existing Exhibit after sending a Contingent Exhibit for a partial offer to a Challenger, that Customer may also be a Challenger for the subsequent Renewal Request if some portion of its request remains unoffered and active in the OASIS Queue.