

Simultaneous Submission Window Processing

BPA Transmission Business Practice

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In Order No. 890, FERC required Transmission Providers that establish “no earlier than” time frames for submitting firm PTP Transmission Service Requests to treat those requests received within a specified time period at the beginning of the time frame as having been received simultaneously. Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has adopted “no earlier than” time frames for its Short-Term Firm Transmission service products and, as described herein, has developed and implemented a simultaneous submission window for these products.

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A. Application of BPA's Simultaneous Submission Window

1. A simultaneous submission window will apply to Original and Redirect requests for the following types of Firm transmission service:
 - a. F-Hourly PTP
 - b. STF-Daily PTP
 - c. STF-Weekly PTP
 - d. STF-Monthly PTP
 - e. F-Daily Loss Returns
 - f. F-Hourly Loss Returns
2. A simultaneous submission window will not apply to requests for Long-Term Firm, Network Transmission (NT), or Non-Firm transmission service.
 - a. Reservation Priority of NT Service requests will be honored through the Short-Term Preemption and Competition process.
3. A simultaneous window will also not apply to Deferral, Matching, Reassignment (Resale), Recall, Relinquish and Renewal requests.
4. BPA will treat eligible Firm requests with otherwise equal reservation priority (priority based on service duration, pre-confirmation status, and bid price under section 13.2 of

BPA's Tariff) and received within the first five (5) minutes of the reservation time frame opening as having the same queue time. BPA will use a lottery methodology to allocate available capacity among requests with otherwise equal reservation priority submitted within this simultaneous window.

5. Requests submitted outside of the simultaneous submission window will be processed based on queue time, first-come first-served basis, as set forth in section 13.2 of BPA's Tariff.
6. For applicable markets, the Short-Term Preemption and Competition process will be in effect from the opening of the reservation window, including the first five minutes.

B. Capacity Allocation for Eligible Requests Submitted Within Window

1. For eligible requests submitted within the five-minute window, BPA will allocate available capacity pursuant to section 13.2(ii) of BPA's Tariff using the following priorities:
 - a. Service duration (longer duration requests receive priority over shorter duration requests);
 - b. Pre-confirmation status (pre-confirmed requests receive priority over non-preconfirmed requests of equal duration);
 - c. Bid price (higher bid price requests receive priority over lower bid price requests - applies only if BPA offers discounts on transmission service under its Tariff);
 - d. Lottery allocation: Explained further in section D below.

C. Simultaneous Submission Window Duration & Treatment of Requests Received Within Window

1. The simultaneous window opens at the beginning of the reservation window for the types of eligible Firm transmission service identified above and closes five (5) minutes thereafter, as set forth in the table below.

Firm Product	Simultaneous Window Opens	Simultaneous Window Closes	For Service Starting In
Monthly PTP	00:00	00:05	365 days
Weekly PTP	00:00	00:05	14 days
Daily PTP (including Daily Loss Returns)	00:00	00:05	7 days
Hourly PTP (including Hourly Loss Returns)	09:00	09:05	WECC Pre-schedule day

2. All simultaneously submitted requests within these windows are masked on OASIS until the window closes.

3. Requests submitted within the window and eligible for the lottery allocation will be processed upon the closure of the window. The effective queue time for awarding capacity under the lottery allocation will be the close of the window (XX:05).

D. Lottery Allocation Methodology

1. For requests submitted within the simultaneous submission window, if, after prioritizing by duration, pre-confirmation status, and bid price, there are multiple Customers with requests equal in priority, BPA will allocate available capacity based on a random lottery in the following manner:
 - a. BPA will identify the list of Customers that all have requests with equal priority.
 - b. Based on the total number of Customers identified on the list, BPA will randomly assign a pick-order to each Customer. For example, if there are 5 different customers with requests of equal priority, each customer will be randomly assigned a number from 1 to 5.
 - c. BPA will run successive rounds of lotteries in which a Customer can have one (1) request considered in each round until there are no more requests to be processed.
 - d. BPA will select Customers in the randomly-assigned order and offer available capacity to the first (next) of the selected Customer's requests (based on the AREF number).
 - e. BPA will make a full offer depending on the capacity available based on the Customer's POR/POD or Source/Sink combination.
 - f. If there is not sufficient capacity available to make a full offer, BPA will initiate the preemption and competition process pursuant to section 13.2 of BPA's Tariff and its business practices.
 - g. Once the preemption or competition process is complete, BPA will make an offer (full or counter-offer) of available capacity.
 - h. If there is no available capacity, BPA will REFUSE the request.
 - i. Once BPA has processed one (1) request of each Customer in a round, it will repeat the lottery allocation process until all eligible requests have been processed. After the customer order is randomly determined via the lottery for the first round, that same order will be used for all successive rounds.
 - j. If one Customer submits multiple short-term requests with equal priority and no other Customer submits requests within the window, the lottery allocation methodology will result in offering available capacity in order of AREF number.