

Unauthorized Increase Charge (UIC)

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This Business Practice describes how an Unauthorized Increase Charge (UIC) is calculated and billed. Examples are provided below using scenarios that illustrate the application of this Business Practice.

BPA Policy Reference

- [Transmission Rate Schedules/Provisions: Unauthorized Increase Charge \(UIC\)](#)

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A. Billing of the UIC Amount

1. A UIC will be issued on the transmission bill when a schedule or schedules exceeds the reservation capacity rights on a Point-of-Receipt (POR) to Point-of-Delivery (POD) path, as described in the UIC provisions in the [Transmission Rate Schedule](#).

B. Requesting Waiver or Reduction of UIC

1. A written request for a waiver or reduction of a UIC may be submitted to your Transmission Account Executive. The request must include all of the information necessary to demonstrate that it satisfies the criteria for a waiver or reduction as described in “UIC Relief” of the [Transmission Rate Schedule](#).
2. The customer should make best efforts to submit a written request for a waiver to its Transmission Account Executive within 60 days after receipt of the transmission bill with the UIC charge. Upon receipt of a waiver request, BPA Transmission Services will evaluate and decide whether to grant the waiver within 60 days.
3. If a waiver or reduction is granted, BPA Customer Billing will issue the Customer an appropriate credit as soon as practicable.
4. Example:
 During an hour, there are two reservations: 1) one reservation is for 200 MW on a path of POR of BPAPOWER to the POD of NWH respectively, and 2) during the same hour, a second reservation is for 100 MW for the same POR to POD combination of BPAPOWER to NWH respectively. The total is 300 MW on this path. The sum of schedules on this path during the same hour is 310 MW. This results in a UIC.