

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. Reservation capacity rights are based on Transmission Service Request (TSR) POR/POD combinations grouped by Firm (7-F), Non-Firm (2-NH, 3-ND, 4-NW, and 5-NM combined), and Secondary (1-NS) products.
2. Examples:
 - a. During an hour, a customer has scheduled 310MW Firm PTP on a POR/POD segment of an E-Tag, and the available Reservation capacity rights for the same POR/POD in its transmission portfolio are 300MW Firm PTP. A 10MW UIC will be assessed.
 - b. During an hour, a customer has scheduled 310MW Firm PTP on a POR/POD segment of an E-Tag, and the available Reservation capacity rights for the same POR/POD in its transmission portfolio are 300MW Firm PTP and 10MW Secondary Non-Firm PTP. A 10MW UIC will be assessed.

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.