

## **SUBMITTING A SHORT-TERM TRANSMISSION SERVICE REQUEST**

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### **1.0 OVERVIEW**

BC Hydro's [Open Access Transmission Tariff \(bchydro.com\)](http://bchydro.com) (OATT) requires that all Transmission Service Requests (TSRs) be made on BC Hydro's OASIS (Open Access Same-Time Information System). For information on how to register and be enabled on BC Hydro's OASIS, refer to BC Hydro's OATT Business Practices on *Becoming a BC Hydro Transmission Customer*. If OASIS is not functioning, BC Hydro will post a bulletin to advise of the OASIS outage.

These Business Practices provide clarification of the rules, standards and practices used by BC Hydro to implement its OATT, which may supplement but not supersede the terms and conditions specified in non-OATT agreements as approved or exempted under the Utilities Commission Act. While the terms of BC Hydro's OATT and these Business Practices govern, the Transmission Customers should also refer to the NAESB WEQ Business Standards and WECC Regional Criteria, which BC Hydro has followed in most, but not all, respects. BC Hydro also complies with the Mandatory Reliability Standards adopted by the BCUC.

### **2.0 TRANSMISSION SERVICE REQUEST (TSR) ATTRIBUTES**

#### **2.1 Path Name and POR/POD (Point of Receipt/Point of Delivery) Combinations**

POR/POD combinations available on BC Hydro's system and OASIS are defined in Table 1 of BC Hydro's OATT Business Practice on *Posting of Transmission Service Offerings*.

If the TSR is to supply Real Power Losses pursuant to Section 15.7 of BC Hydro's OATT, Transmission Customers must use the correct path and POR/POD combination. Refer to BC Hydro's OATT Business Practice on *Ancillary Services* for information on the calculation of Real Power Losses.

#### **2.2 Transmission Type, Service Class and Service Increment**

Pursuant to the OATT, a Transmission Customer can submit a Short-Term TSR for Point-To-Point (PTP) Transmission Service for Firm, Non-Firm or Secondary Network (Network Economy). The service increment for Firm and Non-Firm Transmission Service can be Hourly, Daily, Weekly or Monthly, while the service increment for Secondary Network is hourly only.

Secondary PTP is only available as Redirect service and is not available for purchase. Refer to BC Hydro’s OATT Business Practice on Redirect of a Transmission Reservation for more information.

The table below summarizes Short-Term Point-to-Point Transmission Service offerings.

Service Increment	Firm	Non-Firm	Secondary Network (Network Economy)
Hourly	✓	✓	✓
Daily	✓	✓	N/A
Weekly	✓	✓	N/A
Monthly	✓	✓	N/A

### 2.3 Start and Stop Dates and Times and Reservation Profile

Service	Start Date & Time	Stop Date & Time	TSR Profile
<b>Hourly</b>	Can begin on any hour of the day at the top of the hour.	The interval between Start and Stop time must be at least 1 hour up to 24 consecutive hours.	Up to 24 hours in a single calendar day and must have a flat MW profile within each hour.  Each hour may have a different MW profile.  A continuous Hourly TSR cannot start or lead with a 0 MW hour.
<b>Daily</b>	Can begin on any day of the week at 00:00 hour.	The interval between Start and Stop dates must be at least 1 day up to 6 consecutive days.	Up to 6 continuous days and must have a flat MW profile for all hours in a calendar day.  Each day may have a different MW profile.  A continuous Daily TSR cannot start or lead with a 0 MW day.
<b>Weekly</b>	Can begin on any day of the week at 00:00 hour.	The interval between Start and Stop dates must be at least 1 week (7 days) up to 4 consecutive weeks.	Up to 4 continuous weeks and must have a flat MW profile for all hours in a 7 day period.  Each week may have a different MW profile.  A continuous Weekly TSR cannot start or lead with a 0 MW week.

Service	Start Date & Time	Stop Date & Time	TSR Profile
Monthly	Must begin on the 1 <sup>st</sup> day of the calendar month at 00:00 hour.	The interval between Start and Stop dates must be at least 1 month up to 11 consecutive months.	Up to 11 continuous months and must have a flat MW profile for all hours in a calendar month.  Each month may have a different MW profile.  A continuous Monthly TSR cannot start or lead with a 0 MW month.

Refer to BC Hydro’s OATT Business Practice on Processing of Short-Term Transmission Requests for the determination of a TSR’s duration.

**2.5 Bid price**

The Offer Price is posted by service increment (i.e. \$/MW-Hour; \$/MW-Day; \$/MW-Week; \$/MW-Month). The Bid Price must be equal to or greater than the posted Offer Price up to the maximum Tariff price, as set out in Rate Schedule 01 of BC Hydro’s OATT. Transmission Customers must enter a Bid Price when submitting a Short-Term TSR. Refer to BC Hydro’s OATT Business Practice on *Posting of Transmission Service Offerings* for information on Pricing.

For Resale, the Bid Price shall be the rate (in \$/MW – Hour) that is mutually agreed upon between the Reseller and Assignee. Refer to BC Hydro’s OATT Business Practice on *Resale and Transfer of Transmission Rights* for further information.

**2.6 Pre-Confirmation**

A Transmission Customer can submit a Short-Term TSR “pre-confirmed” or not. If the TSR is submitted pre-confirmed, BC Hydro’s acceptance (after validation) of the TSR confirms the contract. A Transmission Customer cannot withdraw a pre-confirmed TSR. If the Transmission Customer submits the TSR not pre-confirmed, the TSR is subject to the confirmation timelines outlined in BC Hydro’s OATT Business Practice on *Processing of Short-Term Transmission Service Requests*.

**3.0 TSR SUBMISSION TIMELINES/WINDOW**

**3.1 Definitions**

Working Day is any day in the week excluding weekends, NERC holidays and Statutory Holidays as posted in the WECC Pre-scheduling Calendar.

Business Day is Monday through Friday, excluding (Canadian) Statutory Holidays.

### 3.2 Pre-schedule Calendar

BC Hydro follows the WECC Pre-schedule Calendar. Please refer to the [WECC Guideline: WECC-Approved Pre-scheduling Calendar](#) for further details.

### 3.3 Timeline (Scheduling Window) for Short-Term Firm and Non-Firm TSRs

NERC holidays and WECC Pre-scheduling Calendar may affect the timelines or scheduling windows. BC Hydro will post a bulletin advising of any changes in the timelines or scheduling windows due to a NERC holiday or the WECC Pre-scheduling Calendar.

TSRs can be submitted up to the Start Time of the service provided that it can be accommodated by BC Hydro.

Service Increment	Earliest Request	Conditional Until (Note 1)	
		Firm	Non-Firm
<b>Hourly (Real Time)</b>	1 hour before start of service	N/A	N/A
<b>Hourly (Pre-schedule)</b>	1 Working Day before start of service (Note 3)	10:00:00 one working day before start of service	10:00:00 one working day before start of service
<b>Daily</b>	2 Working Days before start of service (Note 4)	1 working day before start of service	10:00:00 one working day before start of service
<b>Weekly</b>	14 calendar days before start of service	7 calendar days before start of service	10:00:00 one working day before start of service
<b>Monthly</b>	60 calendar days before start of service	30 calendar days before start of service	10:00:00 one working day before start of service

Note 1: A Firm or Non-Firm TSR submitted the Working Day prior to start of service must be submitted by 9:00:00 PPT, within the conditional period, in order for it to compete in the displacement process, which concludes at 10:00:00 PPT for Day+1 competitions. Competitions for Day+2 and beyond, within the conditional period, will continue until 14:00:00 PPT.

Note 2: Following the WECC Pre-scheduling Calendar, Hourly Firm and Non-Firm TSRs with a Start Date on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday can be submitted as early as:

- 00:00:00 Thursday for service starting on Saturday.
- 00:00:00 Friday for service starting on Sunday or Monday.

Note 3: Following the WECC Pre-scheduling Calendar, Daily Firm and Non-Firm TSRs with a Start Date on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday can be submitted as early as:

- 00:00:00 Thursday for service starting on Saturday, Sunday, or Monday.
- 00:00:00 Friday for service starting on Tuesday.

#### 4.0 **5 MINUTE SIMULTANEOUS SUBMISSION WINDOW (for Midnight Bidding)**

Per Sections 13.2(e) and 14.2 of BC Hydro's OATT, BC Hydro has established a 5 Minute Simultaneous Submission Window (SSW) for Short-Term Firm and Non-Firm TSRs with an earliest time at which requests may be submitted. The table above identifies the earliest submission time for the applicable services – hourly, daily, weekly, monthly.

The **5 Minute SSW will be from 00:00:00 to 00:05:00**. TSRs submitted within the 5 Minute window shall be deemed to have been submitted simultaneously. TSRs submitted within this window will not be publicly made available until the window has closed.

Allocation of ATC for TSRs submitted during the SSW is defined in BC Hydro's OATT Business Practice on *Processing of Submitted Short-Term Transmission Service Requests*.

Example:

Based on the earliest request times identified above; between 00:00:00 and 00:05:00, Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup> (assuming no leap year), Transmission Customers may submit TSRs as follows:

Hourly Firm and Non-Firm for Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>

Daily Firm and Non-Firm for Wednesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>

Weekly Firm and Non-Firm for Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>

Monthly Firm and Non-Firm for April 1<sup>st</sup>

Refer to BC Hydro's OATT Business Practice on *Processing of Short-Term Transmission Service Requests* for information on how TSRs submitted during the 5 Minute SSW will be processed.

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