

SUBMITTING A LONG-TERM FIRM POINT-TO-POINT TRANSMISSION SERVICE REQUEST

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1.0 OVERVIEW

BC Hydro's [Open Access Transmission Tariff](#) (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.

Pursuant to the OATT, Long-Term Firm Point-to-Point (LTFPTP) Transmission Service is for a period of one year or longer.

These Business Practices provide clarification of the rules, standards and practices used by BC Hydro to implement its OATT. 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 TIMELINES

Service Offering	Earliest Request	Latest Request
Yearly	Anytime	60 Calendar Days (see Note)

Note: Pursuant to Section 17.1 of the OATT, a request for LTFPTP Transmission Service should be submitted to BC Hydro at least 60 Calendar Days in advance of the calendar month in which service is to start. BC Hydro will consider requests on shorter notice when feasible.

3.0 TRANSMISSION SERVICE REQUEST (TSR) ATTRIBUTES

3.1 Path Name and POD/POD Combinations

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

3.2 Transmission Type, Service Class and Service Increment

A Transmission Customer can submit a Long-Term Transmission Service Request (TSR) for Point-to-Point service on OASIS only. The TSR must be for Firm service with a service increment of Yearly.

3.3 Start and Stop Dates and Times

Service	Start Date & Time	Stop Date & Time
Yearly	Must begin on the 1 st day of the month at 00:00 hour.	The interval between Start and Stop dates must be equal to or greater than 1 year. For example: 1 year, or 5 years and 2 months.

3.4 MW Request / Reservation Profile

A LTFPTP TSR shall be for a term of one year or longer and must have a flat MW profile for all hours throughout the entire requested term.

3.5 Bid Price

Bid Price must be equal to the posted Offer Price as set out in Rate Schedule 01 of BC Hydro's OATT. Transmission Customers must enter a Bid Price when submitting a LTFPTP TSR. Refer to BC Hydro's OATT Business Practice on *Posting of Transmission Service Offerings* for information on Pricing.

For Resales, the Bid Price shall be the rate (in \$/MW – Hour) 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.

4.0 ROLLOVER REQUEST

Pursuant to Section 2.2 of BC Hydro's OATT, Long-Term Firm Transmission Customers with Service Agreements that are five years or longer have the right to rollover their service for any number of years provided that:

- BC Hydro had determined at the time of the initial request that there is sufficient capacity available to accommodate the request beyond the term of the initial request.
- The rollover request is considered a new service request with the exception that:
 1. it does not need to be studied in the same manner as a new request;
 2. the Transmission Customer has the Right of First Refusal (ROFR) in the event of a competing request; and
 3. the Transmission Customer must at least match the term requested by the competing request.
- The effective date for the purposes of transition to the new rollover rights as contemplated in Section 2.2.1 of BC Hydro's OATT is October 21, 2009; the effective date of BC Hydro's amended OATT.

The Transmission Customer requesting to rollover existing service must submit a request in the type of RENEWAL on OASIS. The RENEWAL request must be received by BC Hydro no less than one Calendar Year (or as defined in Section 2.2.1) prior to the date on which the reservation expires, rolls over, or is renewed.

The Transmission Customer must reference the original LTFPTP OASIS ID (ARef) in the Related Ref field of the RENEWAL request. The MW requested can be up to the capacity specified as available for rollover on the Transmission Customer's Service Agreement.

Refer to BC Hydro's OATT Business Practice on *Rollover Rights of a Long-Term Transmission Reservation* for more information.

5.0 EXTENSION OF COMMENCEMENT OF SERVICE

5.1 Requests for Extensions of Commencement of Service

Pursuant to Section 17.7 of the OATT, the Transmission Customer may request up to five one-year extensions for the commencement of its LTFPTP transmission reservation.

The Transmission Customer will submit, within 60 calendar days prior to the initial or extended service commencement date, a new request in the type of DEFERRAL on OASIS with the new extended commencement start and end date. The original service term shall not change. The ARef number of the original LTFPTP reservation must be referenced in the Related Ref field of the DEFERRAL request. Additional studies may be required to grant the extension of commencement of service. Refer to Section 8 of BC Hydro's OATT Business Practices on *Processing of Long-Term Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service Requests* for more information.

An extension of service will not be available for rollover requests, since in these circumstances the Transmission Customer has already commenced service.

Refer to BC Hydro's OATT Business Practice on *Processing of Long-Term Firm Transmission Service Requests* for information on BC Hydro processing of requests for extension of commencement of service.

5.2 **Annual Reservation Fee**

The Transmission Customer must pay a non-refundable annual reservation fee equal to one-month's charge for LTFPTP service for each one-year extension within fifteen (15) calendar days of notifying BC Hydro its intent to extend the commencement of service.

If the Transmission Customer fails to pay the annual reservation fee within 15 calendar days of notifying BC Hydro, the Transmission Customer will lose its option to extend the Service Commencement Date and will remain obligated to take service under the original terms and conditions of the underlying Transmission Service.

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