

PROCESSING OF LONG TERM FIRM POINT-TO-POINT TRANSMISSION REQUESTS

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1.0 Overview

BC Hydro's [Open Access Transmission Tariff](#) (OATT) requires that all transmission service requests be made on BC Hydro's OASIS (Open Access Same-Time Information System). For information on how to submit a Long Term Firm Point-to-Point (LTFFTP) Transmission Service Request (TSR), refer to BC Hydro's OATT Business Practices on *Submitting a Long Term Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service Request*. If OASIS is not functioning, BC Hydro will post a bulletin to advise of the OASIS outage and instruct Transmission Customers how to submit an application for transmission service.

Except for rollover requests, LTFFTP TSRs are received and processed according to the path and on a first-come first-served basis. (Refer to BC Hydro's OATT Business Practice on *Rollover Rights of Long Term Firm Service* for more information.)

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, 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 LTFFTP TSR VALIDATION

BC Hydro will validate the LTFFTP TSR pursuant to Section 17.2 of BC Hydro's OATT. If the TSR is deficient, BC Hydro will notify the Transmission Customer within fifteen (15) Calendar Days of receipt of the TSR pursuant to Section 17.4 of BC Hydro's OATT. The Transmission Customer has fifteen (15) Calendar Days from date of notification to remedy the deficiencies; otherwise BC Hydro will set the TSR to DECLINED in OASIS.

3.0 RESPONSE TO A COMPLETED APPLICATION

BC Hydro will respond to a Completed Application for LTFPTP transmission service pursuant to Section 17.5 of the BC Hydro's OATT.

3.1 Determination of Available Transfer Capability (ATC)

BC Hydro will conduct system studies as required to determine ATC for LTFPTP TSRs. BC Hydro will utilize available information to determine if a study is required to respond to LTFPTP transmission request.

3.1 ATC to Meet the Completed Application

If BC Hydro determines that it has ATC to satisfy the full capacity requested on the Completed Application, BC Hydro will tender to the Transmission Customer a Service Agreement pursuant to Section 17.6 of the OATT.

The Transmission Customer must execute the Service Agreement within fifteen (15) Calendar Days from the date on which the agreement is tendered by BC Hydro; otherwise the LTFPTP TSR will be DECLINED.

Upon receipt of the executed Service Agreement, BC Hydro will set the LTFPTP TSR to ACCEPTED as soon as practicable, and request the Transmission Customer to CONFIRM on OASIS.

3.2 Partial ATC to Meet the Completed Application

If BC Hydro determines that it does not have adequate ATC to satisfy the full capacity requested on the Completed Application, BC Hydro will tender to the Transmission Customer:

- (i) A Service Agreement for partial capacity and/or partial term (Partial Service), or Shaped Service as applicable; and
- (ii) An applicable study agreement (either a System Impact Study Agreement or Facilities Study Agreement).

The Transmission Customer must submit any applicable deposits, execute the Service Agreement or study agreement or both, and return to BC Hydro within the applicable timelines specified in Sections 17.6 and 19 of the OATT.

The LTFPTP TSR will be set to the appropriate OASIS state depending on agreement(s) executed by the Transmission Customer.

Refer to BC Hydro's Business Practice on *Shaped Service* for information on Shaped Service.

3.4 No ATC to Meet the Completed Application

If BC Hydro determines that it does not have any ATC to meet the request of the Completed Application, BC Hydro will tender to the Transmission Customer the applicable study agreement pursuant to Section 19 of the OATT. The Transmission Customer will submit a deposit if applicable, execute the applicable Study Agreement and return to BC Hydro within the applicable timelines specified in Section 19.1 of the OATT; otherwise the LTFPTP TSR will be DECLINED. Upon receipt of the executed Study Agreement and applicable deposit, BC Hydro will set the LTFPTP TSR to STUDY.

4.0 DECLINING LTFPTP TSRs WITH A TERM OF LESS THAN 12 MONTHS

If the study process as described in Section 19 of the OATT is not complete by the Start Time of the LTFPTP TSR and there is less than 12 months remaining in the term of the TSR, BC Hydro will DECLINE the Completed Application¹.

If there is less than 12 months remaining in the term of a TSR that is in the queue, BC Hydro will DECLINE the Completed Application.

5.0 PARTIAL SERVICE AND PARTIAL INTERIM SERVICE

Pursuant to Section 19.7 of the OATT, Partial Service (less than what was requested) for LTFPTP transmission includes:

- partial capacity available in the same quantity for each month of the term requested;
- partial term (minimum one year); or
- a combination of the above.

As noted in Section 3.2 above, if Partial Service is available, BC Hydro will tender to the Transmission Customer a Service Agreement for Partial Service with a study agreement.

If the Transmission Customer executes the Service Agreement for Partial Service but not the study agreement, BC Hydro will, on OASIS, COUNTEROFFER the LTFPTP TSR with the partial capacity or partial term and the Transmission Customer will CONFIRM it.

If the Transmission Customer executes both the Service Agreement for Partial Service and the study agreement, BC Hydro shall provide the Transmission Customer with Partial Interim Transmission Service pending the result of the study process. At the completion of the study process, if additional firm ATC is available, the Transmission Customer has the option to amend its Partial Interim Service to Partial Service at the amount of available capacity and term up to the amount and term in the Completed Application.

¹ Morgan Stanley Capital Group vs Illinois Power Company, 93 FERC 61,081 (2000), Order Granting Rehearing In Part and Clarifying Prior Order, October 26, 2000.

If the Transmission Customer does not execute the Service Agreement for Partial Service and executes the only study agreement, BC Hydro shall release the ATC offered for the Partial Service to the market. BC Hydro will then study for the full capacity and term requested by the Transmission Customer in its LTFPTP TSR.

6.0 SYSTEM IMPACT STUDY

Upon receipt of an executed System Impact Study Agreement, BC Hydro will perform the System Impact Study pursuant to Section 19.3 of the OATT.

7.0 FACILITIES STUDY

Pursuant to Section 19.4 of the OATT, if the SIS indicates that additions or upgrades to the Transmission System are needed to meet the Transmission Customer's LTFPTP TSR, BC Hydro will, within thirty (30) Calendar Days of the completion of the SIS, tender to the Transmission Customer a Facilities Study (FS) Agreement. The Transmission Customer must execute and return the FS Agreement, and provide applicable deposit, to BC Hydro within fifteen (15) Calendar Days of the date on which the study agreement was tendered by BC Hydro; otherwise the application shall be deemed withdrawn and the LTFPTP TSR shall be set to DECLINED.

BC Hydro will perform the Facilities Study pursuant to Section 19.4 of the OATT.

8.0 EXTENSION OF COMMENCEMENT OF SERVICE

8.1 Annual Reservation Fee

As noted in Section 5.2 of BC Hydro's OATT Business Practice on *Submitting a Long Term Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service Request*, the Transmission Customer must pay a non-refundable annual reservation fee equal to one-month's charge for LTFPTP transmission service for each year within 15 calendar days of notifying the Transmission Provider that it intends to extend the commencement of service.

If the Transmission Customer fails to pay the annual reservation fee within 15 calendar days of notifying the Transmission Provider it intends to extend the commencement of service, 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.

8.2 Extensions Subject to Availability

BC Hydro will grant the Transmission Customer an extension subject to availability. Additional study procedures set forth in Section 19 of the OATT may apply.

8.3 Competing Requests for Reserved Capacity

If the highest priority request in the queue on the same path or sharing common path(s) (i.e. wheelthrough service) has an earlier Service Commencement Date than the extended Service Commencement Date and BC Hydro could not satisfy that highest priority request without releasing all or part of the Transmission Customer’s Reserved Capacity;

OR

If during the extension for commencement of service, another Transmission Customer submits a Completed Application, and there were no other requests in queue, and BC Hydro could not satisfy the new Customer’s request without releasing all or part of the Transmission Customer’s Reserved Capacity;

THEN

The Reserved Capacity will be released unless within 30 Calendar Days of notification from BC Hydro of a competing request, the Transmission Customer agrees to match the competing request’s service commencement date and to pay the Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Rate for its Reserved Capacity starting with the new service Commencement Date of the new competing request.

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