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# **OPEN ACCESS TRANSMISSION TARIFF BUSINESS PRACTICES**

## **NBSO**

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## INTRODUCTION

The NBSO OATT Business Practices define the administrative practices of the NBSO in the sale of transmission services. NBSO offers transmission service in accordance with the rates, terms, and conditions contained in its Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT), a copy of which is posted on the NBSO Web Site at <http://www.nbso.ca/Public/en/op/transmission/tariff.aspx>. The intent of these Business Practices is to establish a basis for consistent administration of the OATT.

The NBSO offers both Point-To-Point Transmission Service and Network Integration Transmission Service. The terms and conditions for Point-To-Point Transmission Service and Network Integration Transmission Service are contained in Part II and Part III, respectively, of the OATT.

The format for each Practice includes some or all of the following sections:

**Introduction** – statement of need for the practice.

**Business Practice** – the official statement of NBSO practice. The Business Practice has been developed by NBSO to compliment the administration of the OATT.

**Explanation / Rationale** – background and principle(s) that guided the development of the Business Practice.

**Examples** – situational application of the Practice.

## Limitations

This document does not in any way supersede the NBSO Open Access Transmission Tariff document. This document is intended to supplement the tariff by explaining the specifics of how the NBSO administers the OATT.

## 1 OATT General Requirements

### 1.1 TYPES OF POINT-TO-POINT TRANSMISSION SERVICE

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#### **Business Practice**

*The Transmission Provider offers the following classes of Point-To-Point Transmission Service.*

**Firm Transmission Service** - Firm Point-To-Point Transmission Service is available for service increments ranging from one day to multiple years. Firm service has two distinct categories called Long-Term Firm and Short-Term Firm.

**Long-Term Firm Transmission Service** - Long-Term Firm Point-To-Point Transmission Service is available for increments of one year or longer and is available on a first-come, first-served basis i.e. in the chronological sequence in which each transmission customer requests service. Long-Term Firm service requires a Long-Term Firm Point-To-Point Service Agreement (NBSO OATT Attachment A) to be submitted to the Transmission Provider for each request of service. The agreement will be filed with the Board.

**Short Term Firm Transmission Service** - Short-Term Firm Point-To-Point Transmission Service is available for increments of less than one year. Service increments are designated as daily, weekly, or monthly. Short-Term Firm service requires an enabling agreement, Short-Term Firm and Non-Firm Point-To-Point Transmission Service Agreement (NBSO OATT Attachment B), to be submitted to the Transmission Provider, as well as an OASIS request. The agreement will be filed with the Board.

Short-Term Firm service is conditional based upon service increment, duration and Available Transfer Capability (ATC). Short-Term Firm requests will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis, but subject to displacement by higher priority service increment or longer duration firm requests received later. Right of first refusal will be extended to any Short-Term Firm customer subject to such displacement by another Short-Term Firm request. Right of first refusal will not be extended in cases where a Short-Term Firm request is displaced by a Long-Term Firm request.

**Non-Firm Transmission Service** - Non-firm Transmission Service is available in increments of hourly, daily, weekly, and monthly. Non-firm Transmission Service requires Eligible Customers to complete an enabling agreement, Short-Term Firm and Non-Firm Point-To-Point Transmission Service Agreement (NBSO OATT Attachment B) and may make a specific OASIS request for this service only after the enabling agreement has been executed, except under those conditions specified in Section 15.3 of the NBSO OATT. The agreement will be filed with the Board.

Non-firm requests will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis, but subject to displacement by higher priority service increment or longer duration non-firm requests received later. Right of first refusal will be extended to any non-firm customer subject to such displacement by another non-firm request. Right of first refusal will not be extended in cases where a non-firm request is displaced by a firm request.

**Secondary Transmission Service** – Secondary Transmission Service is available to customers with Firm service to request transmission service on a non-firm basis over Points of Receipt (POR) and Points of Delivery (POD) other than those specified in the original reservation request. Secondary service requests will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis, but subject to displacement by higher priority service increment requests received later. Right of first refusal will not be extended to Secondary service.

The Service Increments – yearly, monthly, weekly, daily and hourly, are further distinguished by Period, full period versus on/off peak, and Window, fixed versus sliding.

**Full Period** - The service is for any time of the day and any day of the week.

**On/Off Peak** – The service spans specific hours or days, as defined in Schedule 1 of the NBSO OATT.

**Fixed** - The service starts at starts at the beginning of a service increment and stops at the end of a service increment.

**Sliding** – The service is available in only weekly and yearly service increments, weekly service can start on any day of the week and extend for seven consecutive days and yearly service can start on any month and continue in yearly increments.

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## Appendix A: OATT Timing Rules

### - Timing Rules for Capacity Reservations and Energy Schedules

Service Type	Boundary	Minimum Duration	Maximum Duration	Increment	Time Zone	Earliest Request Time (only applies to non-firm Transmission requests)	Provider may be unable to respond if queued after ... (issue warning)	Request will not be accepted if queued after ...
Hourly	On the hour	1 hour	7 days	1 hour	Any	09:00 AT on the business day prior to the start time, except for the one hour starting 00:00 which may be purchased after 09:00 two business days prior.	2 hours before the start time.	45 minutes before the start time.
Network Secondary*	On the hour	1 hour	1 day	1 hour	Any	n/a	2 hours before the start time.	45 minutes before the start time.
Daily	Any day at 00:00 hours	1 day	31 days	1 day	AS or AD	2 business days prior to the start day.	12:00 noon AT on the business day prior to the start time.	16:00 AT on the business day prior to the start time.
Weekly	Any day at 00:00 hours	7 days	Non-Firm & Secondary Firm 28 days 56 days	7 days	AS or AD	14 days prior to the start day.	12:00 noon AT on the business day prior to the start time.	16:00 AT on the business day prior to the start time.
Monthly	First of the month at 00:00 hours	1 month	Non-Firm & Secondary Firm 1 month 11 months	1 month	AS or AD	60 days prior to the start day.	12:00 noon AT on the business day prior to the start time.	16:00 AT on the business day prior to the start time.
Yearly and Network	First of the month at 00:00 hours	1 year	No limit	1 month	AS or AD	n/a	60 days before the start time.	30 days before the start time.
Energy Schedules	Any day at 00:00 hours	1 day	1 month 1 day for Network Secondary	1 day	Any	15 days prior to the scheduled month.	n/a	the start day.
							After 11:00 AT, any Transmission Reservation without an associated Energy Schedule may be made available for sale to another eligible customer at the sole discretion of the Transmission Provider. Schedules submitted after the 11:00 AM deadline may be rejected.	Hourly values may be changed up to 30 minutes before the hour.

\* Network Secondary - Used by a Network Customer to deliver energy to its Network Load from resources that have not been designated in their Service Agreement for Network Integration Service.

These reservations are actually created by the Energy Scheduling System.

## Appendix B: Reservation Priority

Reservation Priority		NERC Curtailment Priority		Other Curtailment Priority		Type	Class	Can be preempted by ...	ROFR	Response_Time_Limit for ROFR
A	1	2,3,4,5	1	2	3					
A	1		1		Secondary	Point-to-Point	B to E C to E	No No	n/a n/a	
B	2,3,4,5		2		Non-Firm	Point-to-Point	B of longer duration and higher price, but only if the first request is unconfirmed and the second request has been received pre-confirmed.	Yes if the first request is Confirmed, otherwise No.	The current time + 16 hours or the first request's start time - 45 minutes, whichever is earlier.	
C	6		3		Secondary	Network	D or E E	No No	n/a n/a	
D	7		4		Short-Term Firm	Point-to-Point	D of longer duration if the first request is more than one service increment from starting. (see note 1)	Yes	The current time + 16 hours.	
E	7		5		Long-Term Firm	Network & Point-to-Point	n/a	n/a	n/a	

Highest

Notes:

- 1 More than one Business Day from starting in the case of a daily service increment.