

# **NT Conditional Firm**

### What is the pro forma?

- Network (NT) Conditional Firm is not in the pro forma tariff.
- FERC noted it was not necessary for transmission providers to offer CF service to NT customers because the flexibilities of PTP CF are inherent in pro forma NT service.

#### What are the Alternatives?

- Alternative 1: Status Quo
  - BPA retains Conditional Firm NT Service language in the new tariff.
- Alternative 2: Propose Pro Forma language in new tariff.
  - This alternative will not retain NT CF language
    - BPA will continue to define Pro Forma NT Service and develop a comprehensive implementation plan for doing so.
      - This may require a phased in approach as BPA defines, develops and implements service attributes.
      - Moves BPA closer to implementation of the Pro Forma Tariff for NT Service. (e.g. Modeling NT forecasts/DNRs in the ATC base case, Planning Redispatch, etc.)

### Feedback from June TC-20 Workshop

- BPA should not retain NT CF.
- Eliminate NT CF service.
- BPA should transition existing NT CF customers to regular NT service, as BPA has stated that it intends to do.
- BPA should avoid undue and unnecessary reliance on conditional firm.
- Supportive of BPA's approach toward conforming the NT Conditional Firm transmission product with the FERC Pro Forma tariff.
- Adopt Alternative 2, under which BPA would not retain NT conditional firm language in the tariff and move closer to implementation of the FERC pro forma tariff for NT service.

#### **Response to Customer Comments**

- BPA should transition existing NT CF customers to regular NT service, as BPA has stated that it intends to do.
  - BPA intends to work with customers taking NT CF to transition to regular NT service.

### Response to Customer Comments

- BPA appreciates customer support in our efforts to move towards a pro forma tariff.
- BPA is committed to working with customers to define and provide pro forma NT service under the new tariff.

### What are we proposing?

- Based on the analysis performed, BPA is proposing Alternative 2: Pro Forma language in the new tariff.
  - We continue to scope out our IT system capability to support the removal of NT CF.

# Why are we proposing this position?

- Key Considerations:
  - Aligns with Pro Forma Tariff.
  - Aligns with BPA's Agency Strategic Plan.
    - 4c: Meet current and future needs of Network Integration Transmission Service customers through clear business practices and streamlined processes.
    - 4d: Offer more standardized products and services by better aligning BPA's Open Access Transmission Tariff with pro forma and industry best practices."
  - One customer is currently taking NT CF service.
  - Continued collaboration with customers on the deployment, evolution, and management of the NT Service.

### What are the change impacts?

 For majority of NT customers, except one, there will be no change since they do not take NT CF service.

## **NT Conditional Firm Tariff Proposal Summary**

1. What is the pro forma?	<ul> <li>BPA's Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT) includes Network Integration Service (NT) on a Conditional Firm (CF) basis. This language is not pro forma or industry standard.</li> <li>FERC noted it was not necessary for transmission providers to offer CF service to NT customers because these flexibilities were inherent in NT service.</li> <li>Network (NT) Conditional Firm is not in the pro forma tariff.</li> </ul>
2. What did we hear?	BPA should eliminate NT Conditional Firm from its product portfolio.
3. What are we proposing?	<ul> <li>BPA is proposing Pro Forma tariff language.</li> <li>There would be no NT CF language in the new tariff.</li> </ul>
4. Which TC-20 tariff principles does it align to?	Removing NT CF language is consistent with the <i>pro forma</i> tariff.
5. Why are we proposing this position?	<ul> <li>Aligns with pro form tariff.</li> <li>Aligns with BPA's Agency Strategic Plan.</li> <li>Supports streamlined processes and clear Business Practices.</li> </ul>
6. What are the change impacts?	<ul> <li>For majority of NT customers, except one, there will be no change since they do not take NT CF service.</li> </ul>
7. Is there a rate case impact?	No rate case impact.