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3 I. Purpose

4 This Available Transfer Capability Implementation Document (ATCID) addresses all of the
5 requirements of ~~North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) Reliability Standard~~
6 ~~MOD-001-1a (Available Transmission System Capability). This ATCID is specifically required by~~
7 ~~MOD-001-1a, R3 and its sub-requirements. This ATCID also addresses all requirements of~~
8 North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB) Wholesale Electric Quadrant business
9 practice standards ~~WEQ-001 and~~ WEQ-023, and includes BPA's Postback Methodology.

10 This ATCID only applies to ATC calculations through month 13.

11 II. Definitions

12 All capitalized terms used in this ATCID are either contained in NERC's Glossary of Terms,
13 NAESB WEQ-000, or are defined in this ATCID.

14 Defined terms specific to BPA include:

- 15 • **Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS):** The Transmission System
16 constructed and operated by BPA and the 31 federally-constructed hydroelectric dams¹
17 on the Columbia and Snake Rivers, and the Columbia Generating Station nuclear plant.
18 Each entity is separately managed and financed, but the facilities are operated as an
19 integrated power System.
- 20 • **Federal Columbia River Transmission System (FCRTS):** The FCRTS is comprised of
21 BPA's main grid network Facilities (Network), Interconnections with other
22 Transmission Systems (External Interconnections²), Interties,³ delivery Facilities,
23 subgrid Facilities, and generation Interconnection Facilities within the Pacific
24 Northwest region and with western Canada and California.
- 25 • **Long-Term Reservation:** a confirmed reservation that has duration greater than or
26 equal to 365 days
- 27 • **Short-Term Reservation:** a confirmed reservation that has duration less than 365
28 days

¹ Albeni Falls, Anderson Ranch, Big Cliff, Black Canyon, Boise River Diversion, Bonneville, Chandler, Chief Joseph, Cougar, Detroit, Dexter, Dworshak, Foster, Grand Coulee, Green Peter, Green Springs, Hills Creek, Hungry Horse, Ice Harbor, John Day, Libby, Little Goose, Lookout Point, Lost Creek, Lower Granite, Lower Monumental, McNary, Minidoka, Palisades, Roza and The Dalles

² Northern Intertie, Reno-Alturas, West of Hatwai, West of Garrison and La Grande paths.

³ AC Intertie (NWACI), Pacific DC Intertie (PDCI), and Montana Intertie.

29 III. Overview

30 BPA owns and provides Transmission Service over the FCRTS. BPA is registered with NERC as a
31 Transmission Operator (TOP) and Transmission Service Provider (TSP), among other
32 registrations.

33 Methodologies Selected

34 ~~MOD-029-2a~~ Rated System Path Methodology, WEQ-023-2.2

35 BPA has elected to use the Rated System Path Methodology ~~(MOD-029-2a)~~ to calculate
36 Total Transfer Capability (TTC) and Available Transfer Capability (ATC) for all its paths.
37 The description of how BPA implements this methodology for these paths is included in
38 this ATCID. ~~(MOD-001-R1)~~

39 ~~MOD-008-1~~

40 ~~BPA maintains Transmission Reliability Margin (TRM) as described in NERC Standard MOD-~~
41 ~~008-1. The description of how BPA implements TRM can be found in BPA's TRM~~
42 ~~Implementation Document (TRMID), found on BPA's website.~~

43 ~~Methodologies Not Applicable to BPA~~

44 ~~BPA does not use the Area Interchange Methodology (MOD-028-2), the Flowgate~~
45 ~~Methodology (MOD-030-2), or a Capacity Benefit Margin (MOD-004-1). Therefore, these~~
46 ~~standards are not applicable to BPA.~~

47 ATC Calculations

48 ATC Calculation Periods

49 BPA calculates ATC values using the Rated System Path Methodology for the following time
50 periods: ~~(MOD-001-R2)~~

- 51 • Hourly values for up to 168 hours. The next hour may be calculated in subhourly
52 intervals, with the most limiting subhourly ATC value being the hourly value. ~~(MOD-001~~
53 ~~R2.1)~~
- 54 • Daily values for day 3 through day 90. For days 3 to 7 (up to hour 168), the daily ATC
55 value is the most limiting hourly ATC value for that day. ~~(MOD-001-R2.2)~~
- 56 • Monthly values for month 2 through month 13. For months 2 and 3 (up to day 90), the
57 monthly ATC value is the most limiting daily ATC value for that month. ~~(MOD-001-R2.3)~~

58 Frequency of ATC Recalculation

59 BPA recalculates ATC on the following frequency, even if the calculated values
60 identified in the ATC equation are unchanged: ~~(MOD-001-R8)~~

- 61 • Hourly, at least once per hour. ~~(MOD-001-R8.1)~~
- 62 • Daily, at least once per day. ~~(MOD-001-R8.2)~~
- 63 • Monthly, at least once per day. ~~(MOD-001-R8.3)~~

64 BPA may recalculate ATC values more frequently due to changes in Total Transfer
65 Capability (TTC), Power Transfer Distribution Factors (PTDFs), system issues or as deemed
66 necessary.

67 **Limiting Assumptions**

68 ~~BPA studies assumptions of various System conditions to develop TTCs for its paths for the~~
69 ~~planning of operations time frame. The governing TTCs for each time frame are~~
70 ~~established from these planning of operations studies, based on the time period being~~
71 ~~calculated and the reason for the change in TTC. BPA uses these TTCs in its ATC~~
72 ~~calculations. There are no additional TTC studies conducted to establish the path TTCs~~
73 ~~used BPA's ATC calculations. Therefore when determining the TTC, BPA studies~~
74 ~~assumptions that are no more limiting than those used in its planning of operations for the~~
75 ~~corresponding time period, when such planning of operations has been performed for that~~
76 ~~time period. (MOD-001 R6)~~

77 ~~When calculating ATC, BPA uses the TTCs determined in its planning of operations TTC~~
78 ~~studies. There are no additional TTC studies conducted to establish the path TTCs used in~~
79 ~~BPA's ATC calculations. For flow-based paths, BPA calculates Existing Transmission~~
80 ~~Commitments (ETC) by summing base ETC from power flow studies with interim ETC from~~
81 ~~PTDFs. BPA uses the most recent System condition information to re-calculate its hourly,~~
82 ~~daily and monthly PTDFs in the planning of operations time frame. The ETCs used in~~
83 ~~BPA's ATC calculations are re-calculated with these updated PTDFs in each time frame.~~
84 ~~There are no additional ETC studies, beyond the base ETC studies and the PTDF~~
85 ~~calculations, performed during the planning of operations time frame. Therefore, BPA~~
86 ~~does not use more limiting assumptions when calculating ATC in its planning of operations~~
87 ~~time frame. (MOD-001 R7)~~

88 **IV. Allocation Processes**

89 BPA allocates transfer capability among multiple owners or users of its 1:1 and flow-based
90 paths.

91 **Allocations - TTC:**

92 For paths where allocation agreements exist, BPA allocates TTC according to the
93 contractual rights of the various owners as defined in the agreements.

94 Allocation agreements do not exist for three of BPA's flow-based paths that have multiple
95 owners: South of Allston S>N, Columbia Injection N>S and Wanapum Injection N>S. BPA
96 uses the allocations found in the South of Allston N>S agreement to allocate TTC across
97 South of Allston S>N. For Columbia Injection N>S and Wanapum Injection N>S, BPA
98 determines its share of TTC based on BPA-owned transmission lines that make up these
99 paths when all lines are in service. During outage conditions, individual allocations exist
100 for the loss of each transmission line in the line definitions for these paths.

101 Allocations - base ETC:

102 BPA allocates base ETC among some of its shared flow-based paths. To allocate base ETC
103 for South of Allston N>S and S>N, BPA uses the contractual rights defined in the South of
104 Allston allocation agreement. To allocate base ETC for the Columbia Injection N>S,
105 Wanapum Injection N>S, and Cross Cascades North E>W paths, BPA only models the BPA-
106 owned transmission lines that make up these paths in the base ETC cases. BPA does not
107 allocate base ETC across any other shared flow-based paths.

108 Allocations - PTDFs:

109 BPA calculates PTDFs based on the full path definition of all paths with the exception of
110 Columbia Injection N>S, Wanapum Injection N>S and Cross Cascades North E>W. For these
111 three paths, BPA calculates PTDFs based on the BPA-owned transmission lines that make
112 up these paths.

113 ~~At this time BPA does not allocate transfer capabilities among multiple lines or sub-paths~~
114 ~~within a larger path or between TSPs to address forward-looking congestion management and~~
115 ~~seams coordination. (MOD-001 R3.5)~~

116 V. Outages

117 Outages from all TSPs that are internal or adjacent to BPA's Balancing Authority Area (BAA)
118 can be mapped to the WECC base cases. ~~(MOD-001 R3.6.3)~~

119 Outage Planning

120 Outage plans and the policy are posted to the Outage Plans website at: [Outage Coordination -](https://www.bpa.gov/outage-coordination)
121 [Bonnevile Power Administration \(bpa.gov\)](https://www.bpa.gov/outage-coordination)

122 Outage Criteria for TTC Calculations

123 BPA incorporates outages into the TTC calculations after they have been studied by BPA or
124 provided to BPA by another TOP. Generally, BPA studies outages 10 to 16 days prior to the
125 outage start date.

126 The duration of an outage is not a criteria by which BPA determines which outages to
127 incorporate in its daily and monthly TTC calculations. The most conservative hourly TTC
128 calculated for a given outage or combination of outages becomes the governing TTC for the
129 daily calculation period. Likewise, the most conservative daily TTC for a given outage or
130 combination of outages becomes the governing TTC for the monthly calculation period.
131 ~~(MOD-001 R3.6.1) (MOD-001 R.3.6.2)~~

132 VI. Priorities Used to Set TTC

133 BPA may update assumptions and calculate new TTCs when changes to System conditions will
134 significantly impact those limits and may use those updated assumptions to determine new
135 TTC values. The following hierarchy of priorities categorizes the TTC values based on the
136 time period being calculated and the reason for the change. This prioritization may then be
137 used to revise the path TTC for a given time period if BPA determines that more recent
138 assumptions to calculate TTC values better reflect updated System information:

- 139 • **Real-time limit (highest priority):** The “Real-time limit” priority governs when BPA
140 updates the assumptions of System conditions to calculate TTCs during the Real-time
141 horizon. A change to the TTC calculation with the Real-time priority governs all other
142 priorities. For example, if BPA receives an update that a scheduled outage will be
143 extended by two hours early in the Real-time day, BPA may update the assumptions
144 for the TTC calculation accordingly for the additional two hours and may use those
145 same updated assumptions to update the TTC. If there are multiple real-time updates
146 to assumptions for TTC calculations, the most recent TTC calculated governs.
- 147 • **Scheduling limit:** The “scheduling limit” priority may be used occasionally when the
148 assumptions for the TTC are not governing or an actual scheduling limit has been
149 imposed. If there is more than one scheduling limit, the lowest scheduling limit
150 governs until a Real-time limit TTC is submitted.
- 151 • **Pre-schedule forecast:** The “pre-schedule forecast” TTC priority may be used for a
152 path if the assumptions for the TTC calculations are updated for the pre-schedule
153 period. For example, for TTCs calculated for flow-based paths that are derived using
154 nomograms, if the assumptions are re-evaluated just prior to the pre-schedule day to
155 incorporate updated data inputs, the TTC may be updated. The pre-schedule forecast
156 TTC governs over the ‘studied’ priority.
- 157 • **Studied:** The “studied” priority is used when there are outages where a study report
158 has been issued, including those provided by other TOPs. For example, if a study
159 report is issued evaluating assumptions for line outage system conditions, the TTCs in
160 that report govern over any lower-priority TTCs for the duration of the line outage
161 conditions.
- 162 • **Estimated known limit:** The “estimated known limit” priority is used to establish
163 unstudied TTCs or to define seasonal path TTCs that govern over “short-term
164 seasonal” or “Path Rating” priorities.
- 165 • **Short-term seasonal:** The “short-term seasonal” priority is used for TTCs issued for
166 seasonal Path Ratings. As these Ratings may be higher at certain times during the
167 year, the short-term seasonal priority governs over the Path Rating priority. For
168 example, if the longer-term Path Rating for a path is 7800 MW, but seasonally this
169 Rating increases to 8000 MW, the short-term seasonal Rating of 8000 MW governs and
170 is used to set the TTC during the season to which it applies.
- 171 • **Path Rating:** The “Path Rating” priority is used to set base TTCs using either the
172 Rating of the paths, TTCs studied using normal conditions, TTCs calculated for the
173 planning horizon, or all of the above. The lowest value resulting from the above
174 calculations governs for the given time period and is used to set the TTC. For
175 example, if under normal conditions the TTC for a path is 4410 MW, but the TTC
176 calculated for the planning horizon is 4100 MW, the lower TTC of 4100 MW governs and
177 is used to set the TTC for the path.

- **Informational limit (lowest priority):** The “informational limit” is used while establishing the initial setup of paths within the scheduling and reservation system. The informational limit is equal to the initial Path Rating of the path.

VII. Rated System Path Methodology for BPA’s Paths

This section describes how BPA implements the Rated System Path methodology for its paths. ~~It addresses all of the requirements in MOD-029-2a.~~

BPA’s Paths

The following tables list BPA’s paths. BPA has a combination of 1:1 and flow-based paths, and uses ~~MOD-029-2a~~ the Rated System Path methodology to calculate ATC for both.

Table 1, BPA’s 1:1 Paths

1:1 Path Name	Direction	1:1 OASIS Path Name
Northern Intertie	N>S	NI_TOTL_N>S
Northern Intertie	S>N	NI_TOTL_S>N
West of Garrison	E>W	WOGARR_E>W
West of Garrison	W>E	WOGARR_W>E
La Grande	W>E	LAGR_W>E
La Grande	E>W	LAGR_E>W
Montana Intertie	E>W	MI_E>W
Reno-Alturas	N>S	RATS_N>S
Reno-Alturas	S>N	RATS_S>N
AC Intertie (NWACI)	N>S	AC_N>S
AC Intertie (NWACI)	S>N	AC_S>N
Pacific DC Intertie (PDCI)	S>N	DC_S>N
Pacific DC Intertie (PDCI)	N>S	DC_N>S
Rock Creek Wind	Gen	ROCKCK_GEN
John Day Wind	Gen	JDWIND_GEN
Satsop Injection	Gen	SATSOP_GEN

Table 2, BPA's Flow-Based Paths

Flow-based Path Name	Direction	Flow-based OASIS Path Name	Transmission Line Components	Case used for base ETC calculation
North of Hanford	N>S	NOHANF	Vantage-Hanford #1 500-kV; Grand Coulee-Hanford #1 500-kV; and Shultz-Wautoma #1 500-kV	Heavy load
North of Hanford	S>N	NOHANF_S>N	Hanford-Vantage #1 500-kV; Hanford-Grand Coulee #1 500-kV; and Wautoma-Shultz #1 500-kV	Heavy load
South of Allston	N>S	SOALSN	BPA-Owned Transmission Lines: Allston-Keeler 500-kV; Lexington-Ross 230-kV; and Allston-St. Helens 115-kV; Portland General Electric-Owned Transmission Lines: Trojan-St. Marys 230-kV; and Trojan-Harborton 230-kV; PacifiCorp-Owned Transmission Lines: Merwin-St. Johns 115-kV; Astoria-Seaside 115-kV; and Clatsop 230/115-kV	Heavy load
South of Allston	S>N	SOALSN_S>N	BPA-Owned Transmission Lines: Keeler-Allston 500-kV; Ross-Lexington 230-kV; and St. Helens-Allston 115-kV; Portland General Electric-Owned Transmission Lines: St. Marys-Trojan 230-kV; and Harborton-Trojan 230-kV; PacifiCorp-Owned Transmission Lines: St. Johns-Merwin 115-kV; Seaside-Astoria 115-kV; and Clatsop 230/115-kV	Heavy load
Raver-Paul	N>S	RAVR_PAUL	Raver-Paul #1 500-kV When Raver-Paul #1 500-kV is out of service, the following lines are monitored: Raver-Paul #1 500-kV; St. Clair-South Tacoma #1 230-kV; Chehalis-Covington #1 230-kV; Frederickson-St. Clair 115-kV; and Electron Heights-Blumaer 115-kV	Heavy load

Flow-based Path Name	Direction	Flow-based OASIS Path Name	Transmission Line Components	Case used for base ETC calculation
Cross Cascades North	E>W	C-CASC_N	<p>BPA-Owned Transmission Lines: Schultz-Raver #1, #3, & #4 500-kV; Schultz-Echo Lake #1 500-kV; Chief Joseph-Monroe #1 500-kV; Chief Joseph-Snohomish #3 & #4 345-kV; Rocky Reach-Maple Valley #1 345-kV; Grand Coulee-Olympia #1 287-kV; and Bettas Road-Covington #1 230-kV;</p> <p>Puget Sound Energy-Owned Transmission Line: Rocky Reach-Cascade 230-kV</p>	Heavy load
Cross Cascades South	E>W	C-CACS_S	<p>BPA-Owned Transmission Lines: Big Eddy-Ostrander #1 500-kV; Ashe-Marion #2 500-kV; Buckley-Marion #1 500-kV; Knight-Ostrander #1 500-kV; John Day-Marion #1 500-kV; McNary-Ross #1 345-kV; Big Eddy-Chemawa #1 230-kV; Big Eddy-McLoughlin #1 & #2 230-kV; Midway-North Bonneville #1 230-kV; Jones Canyon-Santiam #1 230-kV; and Big Eddy-Troutdale #1 230-kV</p> <p>PGE-Owned Transmission Line: Round Butte-Bethel 230-kV</p>	Heavy load
West of McNary	E>W	WOMCNY	Coyote Springs-Slatt #1 500-kV; McNary-Ross #1 345-kV; Harvalum-Big Eddy #1 230-kV; Jones Canyon-Santiam #1 230-kV; and McNary-John Day #2 500-kV	Heavy load
West of Slatt	E>W	WOSLATT	Slatt-Buckley #1 500-kV; and Slatt-John Day #1 500-kV	Heavy load
West of John Day	E>W	WOJD_E>W	John Day-Big Eddy #1 500-kV; John Day-Big Eddy #2 500-kV; and John Day-Marion #1 500-kV	Heavy load
South of Boundary	N>S	SBNDRY_N>S	Boundary-Bell #1 230-kV; Boundary-Bell #3 230-kV; Boundary-Usk #1 230-kV; and Boundary 230/115-kV Transformer #1	Heavy load

Flow-based Path Name	Direction	Flow-based OASIS Path Name	Transmission Line Components	Case used for base ETC calculation
Columbia Injection	N>S	CLMBIA_N>S	<p>BPA-Owned Transmission Lines: Columbia-Grand Coulee #1 230-kV; Columbia-Grand Coulee #3 230-kV; Columbia-Rocky Reach #1 230-kV; Columbia-Valhalla #1 115-kV; and Columbia-Valhalla #2 115-kV;</p> <p>Chelan PUD-Owned Transmission Line: Columbia-Rocky Reach #2 230-kV</p> <p>Douglas PUD-Owned Transmission Line: Rapids-Columbia #1 230k</p>	Heavy load
Wanapum Injection	N>S	WANAPM_N>S	<p>BPA-Owned Transmission Line: Vantage-Midway #1 230-kV;</p> <p>Grant PUD-Owned Transmission Line: Priest Rapids-Midway #3 230-kV</p>	Heavy load
West of Lower Monumental (West of LoMo)	E>W	W_LOMO_E>W	Lower Monumental-Ashe 500-kV; Lower Monumental-Hanford 500-kV; and Lower Monumental-McNary 500-kV	Heavy load
North of Echo Lake	S>N	N_ECOL_S>N	Echo Lake-Monroe-SnoKing Tap #1 500-kV; Echo Lake-Maple Valley #1 500-kV; Echo Lake-Maple Valley #2 500-kV; and Covington-Maple Valley #2 230-kV	Heavy load
South of Custer	N>S	SCSTER_N>S	Custer-Monroe #1 500-kV; Custer-Monroe #2 500-kV; Custer-Bellingham #1 230-kV; and Custer-Murray #1 230-kV	Heavy load
North of Grizzly	N>S	GRZN_N>S	Buckley-Grizzly #1 500-kV; John Day-Grizzly #1 500-kV; John Day-Grizzly #2 500-kV; and Maupin-Redmond #1 230-kV	Heavy load
North of Pearl	S>N	NOPE_S>N	<p>BPA-Owned Transmission Line: Pearl-Keeler #1 500-kV;</p> <p>BPA/Portland General Electric Jointly Owned Lines: Pearl-Sherwood #1 & #2 230-kV; Pearl Tap to the Mcloughlin-Sherwood #1 230-kV</p>	Heavy load

Flow-based Path Name	Direction	Flow-based OASIS Path Name	Transmission Line Components	Case used for base ETC calculation
West of Hatwai	E>W	WOH_E>W	Hatwai-Lower Granite #1 500-kV; Bell-Grand Coulee #6 500-kV; Bell-Grand Coulee #3 230-kV; Bell-Grand Coulee #5 230-kV; Westside-Grand Coulee #1 230-kV; Dry Creek-Talbot 230-kV; North Lewiston-Tucannon River #1 115-kV; Devils Gap-Stratford 115-kV; Lind-Warden 115-kV; Creston-Bell #1 115-kV; and Dry Gulch-Pomeroy 69-kV	Light load

189 ~~BPA will select the Rated System Path Methodology if new paths are implemented, and~~
190 ~~update the appropriate table above. (MOD-001 R1)~~

191 **Calculating TTC**

192 **Data and Assumptions**

193 When calculating TTC for its paths, BPA uses WECC base cases that utilize data and
194 assumptions consistent with the time period being studied. ~~(MOD-029, R1.1) In addition to~~
195 ~~BPA's TOP area, these WECC base cases model the entire Western Interconnection.~~
196 ~~Hence, the WECC base cases include all TOP areas regardless if they are either contiguous~~
197 ~~to BPA's TOP area or are linked to BPA's TOP area by a joint operating Agreement. (MOD-~~
198 ~~029 R1.1.1.2, R1.1.1.3)~~

199 ~~TOP areas contiguous with BPA's TOP area include (MOD-029 R1.1.1.2):~~

- 200 ~~• Avista Corporation (AVA)~~
- 201 ~~• BC Hydro (BCH)~~
- 202 ~~• California Independent System Operator (CAISO)~~
- 203 ~~• City of Tacoma, Department of Public Utilities, Light Division~~
- 204 ~~• Eugene Water and Electric Board (EWEB)~~
- 205 ~~• Idaho Power Company (IPCO)~~
- 206 ~~• Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP)~~
- 207 ~~• NorthWestern Energy (NWMET)~~
- 208 ~~• NV Energy~~
- 209 ~~• PacifiCorp (PAC)~~
- 210 ~~• Pend Oreille County Public Utility District No. 1~~
- 211 ~~• Portland General Electric (PGE)~~
- 212 ~~• Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County~~

- 213 ~~• Public Utility District No. 1 of Clark County~~
- 214 ~~• Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County~~
- 215 ~~• Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington~~
- 216 ~~• PUD No. 1 of Douglas County~~
- 217 ~~• Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (PSEI)~~
- 218 ~~• Seattle City Light (SCL)~~

219 BPA uses the following data and assumptions in the WECC base cases when calculating
 220 TTCs for its paths:

221 BPA models all existing System Elements, including but not limited to any transmission
 222 additions and retirements, in their normal operating condition for the assumed initial
 223 conditions, up to the time horizon in which BPA begins modeling planned outages.
 224 ~~(MOD-029 R1.1.2)~~

225 The WECC base cases include generators and phase shifters that meet the guidelines
 226 set out in the WECC Data Preparation Manual. ~~(MOD-029 R1.1.3) (MOD-029 R1.1.4)~~

227 BPA uses the seasonal Load forecasts contained in the WECC base cases for each BA.
 228 ~~(MOD-029 R1.1.5)~~

229 Generation and Transmission Facility additions and retirements within the WECC
 230 footprint are included in the WECC seasonal operating base cases for the season in
 231 which they are energized/de-energized, respectively. BPA engineers modify the WECC
 232 base cases to reflect the actual dates of energization/de-energization, as well as
 233 expected generation for the timeframe under study. ~~(MOD-029 R1.1.6, R1.1.7)~~

234 The WECC base cases include Facility Ratings as provided to WECC by the Transmission
 235 Owners and Generator Owners. ~~(MOD-029 R1.2)~~

236 If Facility changes are made by BPA or another entity, then the base cases will be
 237 updated to reflect these changes with a mid-season update. ~~(MOD-029 R1.1, R1.2)~~

238 The approved seasonal operating base cases that include the Facility changes will not
 239 be used until 0 to 16 days prior to the energization or implementation of the Facility
 240 change. ~~(MOD-029 R1.1, R1.2)~~

241 For periods beyond two weeks, the WECC base cases will be updated as necessary to
 242 perform seasonal studies for the current or upcoming season in accordance with the
 243 current BPA study processes. ~~(MOD-029 R1.1, R1.2, R2.1)~~

244 For all paths, except West of Garrison and Northern Intertie South to North, BPA uses
 245 the all lines in service TTC from the relevant seasonal studies when there are no
 246 studied outages to set the TTC of the path for the corresponding seasonal time
 247 periods.

248 For West of Garrison, for the seasons or time periods in which the seasonal studies
 249 have not been completed, the most recent year's seasonal study results will be used
 250 for setting the TTC for the path.

251 For Northern Intertie South to North, for the seasons or time periods in which the
252 seasonal studies have not been completed, the most recent year’s seasonal study
253 results will be used for setting the TTC. BPA uses the minimum TTC from the relevant
254 seasonal studies to set the TTC of the path for periods from the next day and
255 beyond. For the Real-time horizon, when there are no studied outages, BPA uses the
256 maximum TTC from the relevant seasonal studies to set the TTC of the path.

257 BPA models Special Protection Systems (BPA uses the term Remedial Action Schemes
258 or RAS) that currently exist or are projected for implementation within the studied
259 time horizon. ~~(MOD-029 R1.1.8)~~

260 The WECC base cases include all series compensation for each line at the expected
261 operating level. ~~(MOD-029 R1.1.9)~~

262 BPA uses no other modeling requirements for calculating TTC in addition to those
263 specified in this document. ~~(MOD-029 R1.1.10)~~

264 Process to Determine TTC

265 BPA adjusts generation and Load levels, and planned outages, within the WECC power-
266 flow base cases to determine the TTC that can be simulated for each of its paths, while at
267 the same time satisfying all operations planning criteria contingencies, as follows:

268 BPA studies single and multiple contingencies that are relevant to the path being studied.
269 ~~(MOD-029 R2.1)~~

270 When modeling normal conditions, BPA models all Transmission Elements in BPA’s BAA and
271 adjacent BAAs at or below 100 percent of their continuous Rating. Any reliability
272 constraints requested by another Transmission Operator will also be included. ~~(MOD-029
273 R2.1.1)~~

274 BPA models contingencies as per the current version of “RC West System Operating Limits
275 Methodology for the Operations Horizon” (RC West SOL Methodology) posted on RC West’s
276 website. ~~(MOD-029 R2.1.2)~~

277 When modeling contingencies, BPA determines TTCs by stressing the system until flows
278 exceed emergency Facility Ratings or voltages fall outside emergency system voltage
279 limits (i.e., the post-Contingency state). BPA does this by simulating transfers performed
280 through the adjustment of generation and load. If a facility does not have an emergency
281 Facility Rating, the normal Facility Rating is used. If there is no emergency system voltage
282 limit, the normal system voltage limit is used. ~~(MOD-029 R2.1.2)~~ By meeting the criteria
283 in the RC West SOL Methodology, uncontrolled separation should not occur. BPA does not
284 take into account expected transmission uses in the determination of TTC. ~~(MOD-029
285 R2.1.3)~~

286 BPA’s paths listed below are bi-directional and have studied TTCs in both the prevailing
287 and non-prevailing direction of flow. ~~(MOD-029 R2.2)~~

- 288 • Northern Intertie
- 289 • West of Garrison
- 290 • La Grande

- 291 • Reno-Alturas
- 292 • AC Intertie (NWACI)
- 293 • Pacific DC Intertie (PDCI)
- 294 • North of Hanford
- 295 • South of Allston

296 All of BPA's other paths are one directional, in the prevailing direction of flow, and have
297 studied TTCs that are established for the prevailing direction of flow. ~~If TTC values for~~
298 ~~the non-prevailing direction of flow were needed for these paths, BPA would determine~~
299 ~~these TTC values in accordance with the sub-requirements listed in MOD-029 R2, including~~
300 ~~MOD-029 R2.2.~~

301 For paths where TTC varies due to simultaneous interaction with one or more other paths,
302 BPA develops a nomogram, represented either by an equation or its graphical
303 representation, describing the interaction of the paths and the resulting TTC under
304 specified conditions. BPA then calculates a value, based on that nomogram and
305 forecasted System conditions for the time period studied, to develop its TTC values for
306 the affected paths. ~~(MOD-029 R2.4)~~

307 BPA or the adjacent path TOP identifies when the new or increased TTC for a path being
308 studied by BPA or the adjacent path TOP has an adverse impact on the TTC value of
309 another existing path by modeling the flow on the path being studied at its proposed new
310 TTC level, while simultaneously modeling the flow on the existing path at its TTC level. In
311 doing so, BPA or the adjacent path TOP honors the reliability criteria described above.
312 BPA or the adjacent path TOP includes the resolution of this adverse impact in its study
313 report for the path. ~~(MOD-029 R2.5)~~

314 BPA has Transmission Ownership Agreements where multiple ownerships of Transmission
315 rights exist on a path. TTC for the affected paths is allocated according to contractual
316 ownership rights. ~~(MOD-029 R2.6)~~

317 The ratings for BPA's paths whose ratings were established, known, and used in operation
318 since January 1, 1994, have been re-established using updated methods. BPA studies its
319 paths, with the exception of La Grande, on a periodic basis and reconfirms the rating of
320 each path based on these studies. These ratings are then used to establish the TTC for
321 the path.

322 For the La Grande path, BPA uses the Accepted Rating of the path as defined in the WECC
323 Path Rating Catalog. BPA's La Grande path is part of the NW-Idaho path (WECC Path
324 14). The rating of Path 14 was reconfirmed through an updated study in 2010 when the
325 path definition had to be modified due to the addition of the Hemingway Substation by
326 [PacifiACorp](#) and Idaho Power.

327 ~~BPA establishes the TTC at the lesser of the value calculated in MOD-029 R2 or any System~~
328 ~~Operating Limit for that ATC path. (MOD-029, R3) BPA establishes the TTC at the lesser~~
329 ~~of the maximum allowable contractual allocation, or the reliability limit determined by~~
330 ~~the Transmission Operator. The reliability limit includes, but is not limited to, any System~~
331 ~~Operating Limit for an ATC path.~~

332 BPA creates a study report that describes the TTC applicable to the outages during the
333 studied time period and includes the limiting Contingencies and the limiting cause for the
334 calculated TTC. The RC West SOL Methodology document defines the steps taken and
335 assumptions BPA used to determine TTC for each path. BPA creates a study report for
336 each study it performs. The study report relies on the basic assumptions included in RC
337 West SOL methodology and identifies any changes to those basic assumptions. ~~(MOD-029~~
338 ~~R2-8)~~

339 Information regarding TTCs is shared electronically between the appropriate BPA
340 organizations within seven calendar days of the finalization of the study report for the TTCs.
341 BPA sends a notice to all TSPs for the paths listed in Table 1 where there are multiple TSPs
342 prior to limitations in TTCs. ~~(MOD-029 R4)~~

343 ~~These notices are called Notices of Planned Path Limitation. Where BPA has performed a~~
344 ~~study, the notice states that the TTC study report is available to TSPs for the specific path~~
345 ~~within seven calendar days upon request to nercatcstandards@bpa.gov with TTC Study~~
346 ~~Report Request in the subject line. Use the TTC Study Report Request Form found on BPA's~~
347 ~~ATC Methodology website to submit the request.~~

348 A path for which BPA does not perform studies to determine the most current value of TTC is
349 Reno - Alturas. For Reno-Alturas, NV Energy determines TTC. The TTC is provided to BPA and
350 BPA then sends a Notice of Planned Path Limitation.

351 Calculating Firm Transmission Service for Paths

352 Calculating Firm Existing Transmission Commitments (ETC_F)

353 When calculating ETC_F for all time periods for its paths, BPA uses the following algorithm ~~as~~
354 ~~specified in MOD-029 R5:~~

$$355 \text{ETC}_F = \text{NL}_F + \text{NITS}_F + \text{GF}_F + \text{PTP}_F + \text{ROR}_F + \text{OS}_F$$

356 **Where:**

357 ETC_F is the firm ETC for the ATC path.

358 **NL_F** is the firm capacity set aside to serve peak Native Load forecast commitments ~~for the~~
359 ~~time period being calculated~~, to include losses, and Native Load growth, not otherwise
360 included in Transmission Reliability Margin or Capacity Benefit Margin.

361 BPA does not have any NL_F, and thus sets NL_F at zero for all of its paths for all time
362 periods. All of BPA's firm Transmission obligations are captured in the NITS_F, PTP_F, GF_F
363 and ROR_F components of the ETC_F algorithm.

364 **NITS_F** is the firm capacity reserved for Network Integration Transmission Service serving Load,
365 to include losses, and Load growth, not otherwise included in Transmission Reliability Margin
366 or Capacity Benefit Margin.

367 For BPA’s 1:1 paths, BPA uses ten year maximum 1 in 10 coincidental peak load forecasts
368 to encumber capacity for customers with a designated resource of FCRPS. For customers
369 with a designated resource outside of FCRPS, BPA uses the capacity designated for the
370 resource to encumber capacity across these paths.

371 On the La Grande W>E ATC path, BPA uses a different methodology to encumber capacity
372 for customers with a designated resource of FCRPS. BPA encumbers firm capacity based
373 on the coincidental 1 in 10 peak forecast, less critical water forecasts of the federal
374 generation located in the Idaho BAA. Idaho Power then specifies what will be served
375 across La Grande W>E and BPA encumbers this amount for this path.

376 For BPA’s flow-based paths, BPA accounts for NITS_F obligations with a combination of base
377 ETC and interim ETC calculations, as described further in this document.

378 **GF_F** is the firm capacity set aside for grandfathered ~~Transmission Service and~~ contracts for
379 energy and/or Transmission Service, where executed prior to the effective date of a
380 Transmission Service Provider’s Open Access Transmission Tariff or “safe harbor tariff.”

381 The amount of GF_F BPA encumbers across its 1:1 paths is based on the terms of each
382 individual contract.

383 For BPA’s flow-based paths, BPA accounts for GF_F obligations with base ETC calculations,
384 as described further in this document.

385 **PTP_F** is the firm capacity reserved for confirmed Point-to-Point Transmission Service.

386 In BPA’s calculations for 1:1 paths, PTP_F is equal to the sum of the MW Demands of PTP_F
387 reservations or schedules.

388 For BPA’s flow-based paths, BPA accounts for PTP_F obligations with a combination of base
389 ETC and interim ETC calculations, as described further in this document.

390 For Redirects from conditional short-term firm parent reservations, BPA’s ETC accounts
391 for the parent reservation until the Redirect is confirmed on OASIS. Once the Redirect is
392 confirmed, BPA’s ETC only accounts for the Redirect.

393 For Redirects from long-term firm parent reservations or unconditional short-term firm
394 parent reservations, BPA’s ETC accounts for both the parent reservation and the Redirect
395 reservation until the Redirect itself is unconditional. Once the Redirect is unconditional,
396 BPA’s ETC only accounts for the Redirect.

397 In some cases, BPA has PTP_F contracts that give customers the right to schedule between
398 multiple Points of Receipt (PORs) and Points of Delivery (PODs). However, the customer
399 can only schedule up to the MW amount specified in their contract. Multiple reservations
400 are created for these special cases to allow BPA to model each POR-to-POD combination.
401 The amount encumbered for these cases does not exceed the total PTP_F rights specified in
402 the contracts.

403 **ROR_F** is the firm capacity reserved for roll-over rights for contracts granting Transmission
404 Customers the right of first refusal to take or continue to take Transmission Service when the
405 Transmission Customer’s Transmission Service contract expires or is eligible for renewal.

406 BPA assumes that all of its Transmission Service Agreements eligible to roll-over in the
407 future will be rolled over. If a Transmission Customer chooses not to exercise its roll-over
408 rights by the required deadline, BPA no longer encumbers capacity for roll-over rights for
409 that Transmission Customer.

410 OS_F is the firm capacity reserved for any other service(s), contract(s), or agreement(s) not
411 specified above using Firm Transmission Service as specified in the ATCID.

412 BPA has no OS_F and thus sets OS_F at zero for all of its paths for all time periods. All of
413 BPA's firm Transmission obligations are captured in the $NITS_F$, PTP_F , GF_F and ROR_F
414 components of the ETC_F algorithm.

415 Although BPA uses the above algorithm to calculate ETC_F for all of its paths, BPA's ETC_F
416 calculation methodology differs between its 1:1 and flow-based paths. For 1:1 paths, BPA
417 calculates ETC_F by assuming that 1 MW of reserved firm capacity equals 1 MW of ETC_F across
418 that path. The POR/POD combinations for 1:1 ATC paths that impact ETC_F can be found under
419 the Transmission Availability section of BPA's website. For the flow-based paths, BPA
420 calculates ETC_F by summing the base ETC from power-flow ETC studies with interim ETC_F
421 calculated using PTDFs.

422 Determining base ETC for Flow-Based Paths

423 Use of WECC Base Cases to Determine Base ETC

424 BPA uses the WECC seasonal base cases and modifies them to calculate the base ETC
425 for its flow-based paths. BPA refers to these base cases as ETC Cases.

426 Determining Base ETC for Heavy Load Base Cases

427 BPA creates monthly heavy load ETC Cases to calculate base ETC values. BPA's ETC
428 cases are produced using a power flow model that computes how much power will
429 flow over each flow-based path for the assumed Load and generation levels for each
430 time period studied. Counterflows are inherently modeled in these base cases.

431 BPA uses the following assumptions to create heavy load ETC Cases for its base ETC
432 calculations:

433 **System topology:** Normal operating conditions are used. BPA uses the WECC Winter
434 seasonal case for its November through March ETC base cases, the WECC Spring
435 seasonal case for its April and May ETC base cases, and the WECC Summer seasonal
436 case for its June through October ETC base cases.

437 **Load:** BPA uses loads contained in the WECC seasonal base cases for the time periods
438 being studied, along with any updates to those loads BPA may have made after the
439 WECC base cases were received from WECC.

440 • **$NITS_F$, PTP_F and GF_F :** BPA assumes a 1-in-2 year monthly peak load forecast in all
441 its monthly ETC cases

442 **Generation:** For the generators in BPA's BAA or directly interconnected to BPA, BPA
443 uses the following generation assumptions:

444 **FCRPS:** For the FCRPS resources serving NITS_F, PTP_F, and GF_F Long-Term Reservations,
445 generation levels are set using a multiple-step process. For all time periods studied,
446 BPA uses the following process:

447 • The Columbia Generating Station is assumed to be on-line at full load in the ETC
448 cases. Generation levels at the Libby, Hungry Horse, Dworshak, and Albeni Falls
449 projects are set based on the requirements set forth in the 2000 Biological
450 Opinion. Starting with the June 2023 studies and going forward, the generation
451 levels at Libby, Hungry Horse, Dworshak and Albeni Falls will be based on the 90th
452 percentile rate case generation values for these projects. The generation levels at
453 the Willamette Valley projects⁴ are set at a monthly fleet-aggregate lower 10th
454 percentile of Heavy Load Hour block generation from the planning period of record
455 and adjusted as needed to accurately reflect operations that BPA knows are in
456 place. **Nameplate Adjusted Method:** When creating heavy load ETC Cases,
457 generation levels for all other federal hydro projects⁵ are set by first determining
458 the nameplate for each project and then adjusting such nameplates by outages
459 forecasted for the particular plants. Next in the month of August, the Lower Snake
460 plants (Lower Granite, Lower Monumental, Little Goose, and Ice Harbor) are
461 capped at the observed project outflow over the past ten Augusts. Then multiple
462 generation scenarios are modelled by stressing one of three different “zones” of
463 Federal hydro resources to the nameplate adjusted generation levels described
464 above and scales the generation at the remaining Federal hydro projects to match
465 the sum of the demands for all contracts that call out non-specific Federal
466 hydroelectric projects as PORs after adjusting these demands for the portion
467 served by Columbia Generating Station, Libby, Hungry Horse, Dworshak, Albeni
468 Falls, and the Willamette Valley projects. The Federal PTP demands at each
469 project are then added to this result to obtain the final assumed generation level
470 for each Federal hydro project.

471 **Non-Federal Thermal Generators:** Non-federal thermal generators associated with
472 PTP_F, GF_F and NITS_F Transmission Service for BPA’s area and all adjacent TSP areas are
473 set at up to the contract Demand.

474 **Wind Generators:**

- 475 • **PTP_F:** Wind generators associated with PTP_F Long-Term Reservations are set at
476 the following depending on the scenarios being run:
- 477 ○ Modeled on at 100 percent of the contract demand for the wind
478 generator; or
 - 479 ○ Modeled off

⁴ Willamette Valley projects include: Big Cliff, Cougar, Detroit, Dexter, Foster, Green Peter, Hills Creek, Lookout Point, and Lost Creek.

⁵ Federal hydro projects include: Grand Coulee, Chief Joseph, Lower Granite, Lower Monumental, Little Goose, Ice Harbor, McNary, John Day, The Dalles, Bonneville.

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- **NITS_F:** The flow-based path impacts of wind generators identified as designated network resources in NITS_F contracts or in the NT Resources Memorandum of Agreement in BPA’s area are determined on a flow-based path-by-flow-based path basis and set at the greater of the following:
 - The wind generators modeled on at the designated amount of the wind generators; or,
 - The wind generators modeled off and replaced by increasing the FCRPS generation level by the designated amount of the wind generators using the Nameplate Adjusted Method for all ETC cases described above.Wind generators designated as network resources in NITS_F contracts for all adjacent TSPs are modeled up to the designated amount.
 - **GF_F:** BPA and all of BPA’s adjacent TSPs have no GF_F contracts for wind generators.

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Behind the Meter Generators: Non-federal resources that do not require Transmission Service over the FCRTS and that are behind the meter are set up to levels used in BPA’s process for power system planning studies.

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Mid-Columbia Hydro Projects: Generation levels at the non-federal Mid-Columbia hydro projects are set up to 90 percent of their historical output by season.

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When creating heavy load ETC cases, if there is more generation than load plus committed exports in the base case, BPA reduces excess generation to bring generation and load into balance in order to solve the power flow model. This generation reduction is done by reducing all excess generation pro rata, except for the stressed FCRPS zone.

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Starting with the November 2023 studies and going forward, BPA reduces all excess generation by aggregating generators by fuel type, and scaling the aggregated fuel type groups. Generation is then reduced based on how each generator participates as part of the scaled generation fleet, with the exception of the stressed FCRPS zone. Columbia Generation Station is always modeled on, in both methodologies.

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When creating heavy load ETC cases, if there is more load and committed exports than generation in the ETC base case, BPA reduces exports on the AC Intertie and Pacific DC Intertie in the ETC base case. This is done to solve the power flow model.

511 **Sensitivity Studies for Heavy Load Base Cases**

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In calculating its base ETC values, BPA runs ETC case scenarios for three different sensitivities: the Canadian Entitlement Return (CER) obligation modeled on or off, wind resources designated to serve PTP_F and NITS_F on or off, and stressing the three different zones of the FCRPS.

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For the FCRPS scenarios, the three “zones” that are stressed individually in the scenarios are made up of the following projects: (i) Upper Columbia zone includes Grand Coulee and Chief Joseph; (ii) Lower Snake zone includes Lower Monumental, Lower Granite, Little Goose, and Ice Harbor; and (iii) Lower Columbia zone includes McNary, John Day, The Dalles and Bonneville.

521 For the CER Scenarios, BPA models the FCRPS generators delivering or not delivering
522 energy to Canada in the amount specified in the Canadian Entitlement Agreement.

523 In the CER on scenarios, BPA models the exports to Canada at the Canadian
524 Entitlement Agreement contract level. The FCRPS generation is modeled using the
525 Nameplate Adjusted Method.

526 In the CER off scenarios, BPA models imports from Canada at the contract rights that
527 customers have across the Northern Intertie N>S. The FCRPS generation is also
528 modeled using the Nameplate Adjusted Method.

529 For the wind resource scenarios, see above for a description of the base ETC
530 assumptions for wind generators serving PTP_F and NITS_F.

531 Therefore, in its heavy load base ETC sensitivity analysis, BPA models the following 6
532 scenarios:

- 533 1. Wind modeled off/Upper Columbia stressed
- 534 2. Wind modeled off/Lower Snake stressed
- 535 3. Wind modeled off/Lower Columbia stressed
- 536 4. Wind modeled on/Upper Columbia stressed
- 537 5. Wind modeled on/Lower Snake stressed
- 538 6. Wind modeled on/Lower Columbia stressed

539 All scenarios are run with CER modeled on and off for all months.

540 BPA uses the highest base ETC value calculated from these scenarios in its firm ATC
541 calculations across the flow-based paths. BPA uses the lowest base ETC value from
542 these scenarios in its non-firm ATC calculations across the flow-based paths.

543 **Determining Base ETC and Sensitivities for Light Load Base Cases**

544 BPA uses the WECC Winter seasonal light load case as the starting point for its Winter
545 seasonal light load ETC base case. The ETC from this case is used as the base ETC for
546 the months of November through March.

547 BPA uses the WECC Summer seasonal light load case as the starting point for its
548 Summer light load ETC base case. The ETC from the Summer case is used as the base
549 ETC for the months of June through October.

550 If a WECC Spring seasonal light load case is available, BPA uses that case as the
551 starting point for its Spring seasonal light load ETC base case. The ETC from this case
552 is used as the base ETC for the months of April and May. If the WECC Spring seasonal
553 light load case is not available, the higher of the base ETCs from either the Winter or
554 Summer case are used as the base ETC for April and May.

555 BPA uses the following assumptions in light load ETC base cases:

- 556 a. System topology: Normal operating conditions are used.

- 557 b. Loads: Loads from the WECC light load cases are used. For Montana loads only,
558 BPA compares the loads in the WECC seasonal light load case with the seasonal
559 light loads supplied by Montana Power, and uses the lowest of the two values in
560 order to properly stress the light load case.
561 c. Generation: BPA uses generation assumptions from historical data. Canadian
562 Entitlement is modeled as delivering energy to Canada in the amount specified
563 in the Canadian Entitlement Agreement.

564 There are two sensitivity studies performed for the light load ETC base cases:

- 565 a. Federal generation east of the path is increased, and a corresponding amount
566 of federal generation west of the path is reduced
567 b. Federal generation east of the path is reduced, and a corresponding amount of
568 federal generation west of the path is increased

569 BPA uses the highest base ETC value calculated from these scenarios in its firm ATC
570 calculations across the flow-based paths where light load cases are utilized. BPA uses
571 the lowest base ETC value from these scenarios in its non-firm ATC calculations across
572 the flow-based paths where light load cases are utilized.

573 **Calculating Interim ETC_F for Flow-based Paths**

574 To calculate the impacts for all NITS_F and PTP_F reservations that were not modeled in the
575 base ETC cases, BPA uses PTDF analysis on the demand in each reservation. PTDF analysis
576 is the fraction of energy (expressed as a percentage or as a decimal) that will flow across
577 BPA's monitored flow-based paths as that energy is injected at a POR (or source) relative
578 to a slack bus, and withdrawn at a POD (or sink) relative to a slack bus, for each flow-
579 based path.

580 PTDF impacts are calculated as per BPA's Transmission Service Requests Evaluation
581 business practice. If a reservation's impact on a flow-based path is determined to be *de*
582 *minimis* per the Transmission Service Requests Evaluation business practice, then BPA
583 deems the impact of the reservation to be zero when calculating ETC_F used in the ATC_F
584 calculation.

585 The sum of these positive impacts is referred to as the interim ETC_F value, and is added to
586 the base ETC values to produce a final ETC_F value for each time period for each flow-
587 based path.

588 **Outages in PTDF Calculations**

589 BPA calculates PTDFs by adjusting the WECC base cases to include transmission
590 outages in BPA's outage system for BPA's area and any adjacent TSP areas.
591 Transmission outages for Transmission Lines, sections of Transmission Lines,
592 transformers and taps are used to set branches as *open* in the appropriate base
593 case for the hour being calculated.

594 ~~BPA has no executed coordination Agreements with other TSPs. (MOD-001 R3.6)~~

595 When the Raver-Paul 500-kV line is out of service, the PTDFs that BPA calculates and
596 uses for the Raver-Paul path are based on the monitored lines for this path that are
597 outlined in Table 2. This allows BPA to properly manage the Raver-Paul path in this
598 outage situation.

599 **Outage Criteria in ETC Calculations**

600 BPA uses the outage planning timeline described in the “Outages” section. The
601 following criteria determine which outages are incorporated into BPA’s hourly, daily
602 and monthly ETC calculations: ~~(MOD-001-R3.6)~~

603 **Hourly ETC Calculations**

604 For its hourly ETC calculations, BPA uses hourly PTDFs published at least once per
605 day.

606 **Daily ETC Calculations**

607 For its daily ETC calculations, BPA uses the most recent PTDFs published for the
608 hour ending 11 of each day, since hour ending 11 tends to have the highest
609 coincidence of outages. Therefore all Transmission outages scheduled to occur
610 during the hour ending 11, regardless of the duration of the outage, impact daily
611 ETC calculations. ~~(MOD-001-R3.6.1)~~

612 BPA includes Transmission outages in daily ETC calculations beyond the 10- to 16-
613 day planned outage study period if the outage is officially scheduled in BPA’s
614 outage system.

615 **Monthly ETC Calculations**

616 For its monthly ETC calculations, BPA uses the most recent daily PTDFs published
617 for the first Tuesday of that month. BPA includes Transmission outages in monthly
618 ETC calculations beyond the 10- to 16-day planned outage study period if the
619 outage is officially scheduled in BPA’s outage system. ~~(MOD-001-R3.6.2)~~

620 **Source/POR and Sink/POD Identification and Mapping**

621 In the ETC components of its flow-based path ATC calculations, BPA accounts for
622 source and sink for Transmission Service through the following processes:

623 BPA maps the source/POR and sink/POD to the WECC base cases. In this mapping, BPA
624 has assigned network bus points that represent the primary interface for
625 Interconnection with specific generation projects, adjacent electrical Systems or
626 Load-serving entities and trading hubs. Some adjacent electrical Systems have
627 multiple Interconnection points deemed as PORs/sources or PODs/sinks. The mapping
628 of these points is published in the Transmission Service Contract Points list on BPA’s
629 OASIS homepage.

630 BPA calculates weighted PTDFs for Sources/PORs as follows:

- 631 1. The PTDF weighting for the FCRPS/BPA Power PTDF varies by time period and path
632 based on stress scenarios. The PTDF weighting is derived from generation
633 forecasts of the federal resources, for calculations for the next hour through

634 approximately two weeks. Beyond this time frame, BPA derives the weighting of
 635 the PTDF by applying the generation dispatch determined in the ETC Cases.
 636 2. BPA derives the PTDF weighting for the Mid-Columbia bus point by applying the
 637 generation dispatch determined in the ETC Cases.
 638 3. BPA has grouped the generators in its adjacent BAAs based on the primary
 639 interface between each BAA and the generation projects within that BAA
 640 (excluding some remote generators that are scheduled via NERC e-Tag). These
 641 groupings are assigned weighted PTDFs that represent how the generators
 642 participate in the group and are used to evaluate transactions within and between
 643 adjacent BAAs that do not include BPAT. BPA derives the PTDF weightings for
 644 these points from BAA-provided generation estimates or by applying the generation
 645 dispatch determined in the ETC Cases if generation estimates are not available. In
 646 the ETC Cases, these generators are modeled up to the long-term firm
 647 Transmission rights associated with the generators.

648 BPA calculates weighted PTDFs for Sinks/PODs as follows:

- 649 1. BPA has weighted PTDFs for loads in its adjacent BAAs based on the primary
 650 interface between each BAA and the load within that BAA. The weighting is based
 651 on how the load is distributed in the BAA.
- 652 2. BPA calculates a weighted PTDF to account for unscheduled Network Integration
 653 Transmission Service loads in BPA's BAA that are served from the FCRPS. The
 654 weighting is based on the individual load forecasts for the time period being
 655 calculated.
- 656 3. BPA calculates a weighted load for all of the BPA Power Services customers that
 657 are served via Network Integration Transmission Service agreements. The
 658 weighting is based on the individual load forecasts for the time period being
 659 calculated.
- 660 4. BPA calculates a weighted load for PNGC Power, which is a Joint Operating Entity
 661 made up of several cooperative utilities. The weighting is based on the individual
 662 load forecasts for the time period being calculated.

663 BPA calculates one weighted PTDF that applies to the following Source/POR and
 664 Sink/POD:

- 665 1. BPA calculates a weighed PTDF for the Western Energy Imbalance Market. This
 666 weighting is based on the percentage of Automatic Generation Control response
 667 (which could be zero) carried by each plant in the FCRPS.

668 **Calculating Firm Available Transfer Capability (ATC_F)**

669 When calculating ATC_F for its paths for all time periods, BPA uses the following algorithm
 670 ~~(MOD-029-R7)~~:

$$671 \quad ATC_F = TTC - ETC_F - CBM - TRM + Postbacks_F + Counterflows_F$$

672 **Where:**

673 ATC_F is the firm Available Transfer Capability for the ATC Path-path for that period for which
674 ATC_F is being calculated.

675 TTC is the Total Transfer Capability of the ATC Path-path for that period.

676 ETC_F is the sum of existing firm commitments for the ATC Path-path as specified in WEQ-023
677 during that period for which ATC_F is being calculated.

678 For ATC_F calculations for all time periods, BPA divides ETC_F into the following variables
679 within its ATC software:

680 $ETC_F = LRES + SRES + LETC - SADJ/ETC \text{ Adjustments}$

681 **Where:**

682 $LRES$ is the sum of positive impacts of BPA's Long-Term Reservations.

683 $SRES$ is the sum of positive impacts of BPA's Short-Term Reservations.

684 $LETC$ is used to ensure that the amount of $NITS_F$, GF_F , PTP_F and ROR_F capacity BPA sets
685 aside in the $LRES$ variable for contracts where BPA gives customers the right to schedule
686 the capacity reserved between multiple PORs and PODs does not exceed the total capacity
687 specified in those contracts.

688 $LETC$ is also used to align the ETC calculated in the power flow base case with additional
689 PTDF calculations in order to balance to the standard OATI calculation. This adjustment is
690 derived by comparing two values: a) the impacts of the confirmed PTP_F , GF_F , $NITS_F$ and
691 ROR_F Long-Term Reservations derived from the base ETC Cases and b) the impacts of the
692 same reservations calculated using PTDF Analysis for each flow-based path. The
693 adjustment for each flow-based path is equal to the difference of these two values.
694 Conditional firm reservations are not included in the ETC Cases and therefore are also not
695 included in this comparison.

696 $SADJ/ETC \text{ Adjustments}$ is the variable BPA uses to make adjustments to ETC_F not
697 captured in $LRES$ or $SRES$.

698 BPA applies one such adjustment to allow for deferral competitions, as required in Section
699 17.7 of BPA's OATT. When a deferral reservation is confirmed, BPA applies an $SADJ/ETC$
700 Adjustment to hold out capacity for the time period deferred, starting at the latter of five
701 months out or the service commencement date of the original reservation, to allow for a
702 competition. At four months out, if no competition is identified, the $SADJ/ETC$
703 Adjustment is modified to release the capacity for the fourth month out.

704 BPA uses a $SADJ/ETC \text{ Adjustment}$ to account for a portion of the firm TRM that BPA
705 applies on the NI S>N.

706 BPA also uses $SADJ/ETC \text{ Adjustments}$ to ensure accurate accounting of ETC_F . These
707 adjustments may be performed to account for situations such as data modeling
708 corrections, and are noted in the descriptions of the adjustments.

709 The following diagram illustrates how the variables in BPA’s ATC software correspond to
 710 the variables in the ETC_F algorithm.

711

ETC _F =	NITS _F	+	GF _F	+	PTP _F	+	ROR _F
	↓		↓		↓		↓
	LRES		LRES		LRES		LRES
	+				+		
	SRES				SRES		
	+		+		+		+
	LETC		LETC		LETC		LETC
	-		-		-		-
	SADJ/ETC Adjustments		SADJ/ETC Adjustments		SADJ/ETC Adjustments		SADJ/ETC Adjustments

712 **CBM** is the Capacity Benefit Margin for the ATC Path-path during that period.

713 BPA does not maintain CBM and thus sets CBM at zero for all of its paths for all time
 714 periods.

715 **TRM** is the Transmission Reliability Margin for the ATC Path-path during that period.

716 The description of how BPA implements TRM can be found in BPA’s TRMID, which is posted
 717 on BPAs website.

718 **Postbacks_F** are changes to firm Available Transfer Capability due to a change in the use of
 719 Transmission Service for that period, as defined in Business Practices WEQ-023.

720 BPA automatically recalculates ETC_F to account for changes to Transmission Service
 721 Requests (such as request types of Recall and Redirect and annulments). Since these
 722 types of changes to Transmission Service Requests are captured in ETC_F, BPA treats
 723 Postbacks_F as zero for all time periods when calculating ATC_F.

724 **Counterflows_F** are adjustments to firm Available Transfer Capability as determined by the
 725 Transmission Service Provider and specified in their ATCID.

726 BPA does not include confirmed Transmission reservations, expected interchange or
 727 internal flow counter to the direction of the path being calculated in its ATC_F calculations.
 728 BPA’s rationale is that it does not want to offer firm ATC due to counterflow that may not
 729 be scheduled as this could lead to curtailments of Firm Transmission Service in the Real-
 730 time horizon. ~~(MOD-001 R3.2)~~ Therefore BPA sets Counterflows_F at zero for all of its paths
 731 for all time periods.

732 For flow-based paths, counterflows are automatically modeled in the base ETC cases. In
 733 instances where the power flow study results in a negative base ETC value, BPA uses zero
 734 as the base ETC for purposes of calculating ATC_F. This is done to ensure that BPA does not
 735 make capacity available as a result of counterflows that may or may not materialize in
 736 real-time.

737 Calculating Non-Firm Transmission Service for BPA's Paths

738 BPA calculates ETC_{NF} and ATC_{NF} for each of its six non-firm Transmission products. The six
739 non-firm products are: Secondary Network ($NITS_{NF6}$), Monthly Non-Firm PTP (PTP_{NF5}), Weekly
740 Non-Firm PTP (PTP_{NF4}), Daily Non-Firm PTP (PTP_{NF3}), Hourly Non-Firm PTP (PTP_{NF2}) and
741 Secondary Non-Firm Hourly PTP (PTP_{NF1}).

742 Calculating Non-Firm Existing Transmission Commitments (ETC_{NF})

743 BPA calculates ETC_{NF} for all time periods and paths using the following algorithm ~~in MOD-029~~
744 R6:

$$745 \quad ETC_{NF} = NITS_{NF} + GF_{NF} + PTP_{NF} + OS_{NF}$$

746 ETC_{NF} is calculated for each of BPA's six non-firm Transmission products as follows:

- 747 1. ETC_{NF6} : includes the $NITS_{NF6}$ transmission product
- 748 2. ETC_{NF5} : includes the $NITS_{NF6}$ and PTP_{NF5} transmission products
- 749 3. ETC_{NF4} : includes the $NITS_{NF6}$, PTP_{NF5} and PTP_{NF4} transmission products
- 750 4. ETC_{NF3} : includes the $NITS_{NF6}$, PTP_{NF5} , PTP_{NF4} , and PTP_{NF3} transmission products
- 751 5. ETC_{NF2} : includes the $NITS_{NF6}$, PTP_{NF5} , PTP_{NF4} , PTP_{NF3} and PTP_{NF2} transmission products
- 752 6. ETC_{NF1} : includes the $NITS_{NF6}$, PTP_{NF5} , PTP_{NF4} , PTP_{NF3} , PTP_{NF2} and PTP_{NF1} transmission products

753 **Where:**

754 ETC_{NF} is the non-firm ETC for the ATC path.

755 $NITS_{NF}$ is the non-firm capacity ~~set aside~~ reserved for Secondary Network Integration
756 Transmission Service ~~servicing Load (i.e., secondary service)~~, to include losses, and Load
757 growth not otherwise included in Transmission Reliability Margin or Capacity Benefit Margin.

758 In BPA's calculations, this is comprised of the $NITS_{NF6}$ Transmission product. BPA's $NITS_{NF6}$
759 calculation does not include losses or Load growth, since losses and Load growth are
760 already encumbered as firm capacity in $NITS_F$.

761 GF_{NF} is the non-firm capacity set aside for grandfathered ~~Transmission Service and~~ contracts
762 for energy and/or Transmission Service, where executed prior to the effective date of a
763 Transmission Service Provider's Open Access Transmission Tariff or "safe harbor tariff."

764 BPA does not have any grandfathered non-firm Transmission Service obligations and thus
765 sets GF_{NF} at zero for all of its paths for all time periods.

766 PTP_{NF} is non-firm capacity reserved for confirmed Point-to-Point Transmission Service.

767 Depending on the ETC_{NF} being calculated, PTP_{NF} will include the PTP_{NF5} , PTP_{NF4} , PTP_{NF3} ,
768 PTP_{NF2} and PTP_{NF1} Transmission products.

769 OS_{NF} is the non-firm capacity reserved for any other service(s), contract(s), or agreement(s)
770 not specified above using non-firm transmission service as specified in the ATCID.

771 BPA has no OS_{NF} and thus sets OS_{NF} at zero for all of its paths for all time periods.

772 ETC_{NF} for 1:1 paths is calculated by assuming that 1 MW of reserved and/or scheduled capacity
773 results in 1 MW of impact across the 1:1 path. The POR/POD combinations for 1:1 ATC paths
774 that impact ETC_{NF} can be found under the Transmission Availability section of BPA's website.

775 When calculating ETC_{NF} for flow-based paths, BPA sums the positive impacts of reservations
776 and/or schedules as determined by PTDF analysis, per BPA's Transmission Service Requests
777 Evaluation business practice. The treatment of *de minimis* impacts in ETC_{NF} is covered within
778 the Calculating Non-Firm Available Transfer Capability section below.

779 Calculating Non-Firm Available Transfer Capability (ATC_{NF})

780 BPA calculates ATC_{NF} for its paths for two horizons: Real-time and Beyond Real-time. The
781 Real-time horizon begins at 10 p.m. each day for the 24 hours in the next day. The Beyond
782 Real-time horizon includes hourly for the hours after those included in the Real-time period
783 as well as daily and monthly calculations.

784 BPA calculates ATC_{NF} for all time periods and paths using the following algorithm ~~found in~~
785 ~~MOD-029-R8~~:

$$786 \quad \text{ATC}_{\text{NF}} = \text{TTC} - \text{ETC}_{\text{F}} - \text{ETC}_{\text{NF}} - \text{CBM}_{\text{S}} - \text{TRM}_{\text{U}} + \text{Postbacks}_{\text{NF}} + \text{Counterflows}_{\text{NF}}$$

787 ATC_{NF} is calculated for each of BPA's six non-firm Transmission products as follows:

$$788 \quad 1. \quad \text{ATC}_{\text{NF6}} = \text{TTC} - \text{ETC}_{\text{F}} - \text{ETC}_{\text{NF6}} - \text{CBM}_{\text{S}} - \text{TRM}_{\text{U}} + \text{Postbacks}_{\text{NF}} + \text{Counterflows}_{\text{NF}}$$

$$789 \quad 2. \quad \text{ATC}_{\text{NF5}} = \text{TTC} - \text{ETC}_{\text{F}} - \text{ETC}_{\text{NF5}} - \text{CBM}_{\text{S}} - \text{TRM}_{\text{U}} + \text{Postbacks}_{\text{NF}} + \text{Counterflows}_{\text{NF}}$$

$$790 \quad 3. \quad \text{ATC}_{\text{NF4}} = \text{TTC} - \text{ETC}_{\text{F}} - \text{ETC}_{\text{NF4}} - \text{CBM}_{\text{S}} - \text{TRM}_{\text{U}} + \text{Postbacks}_{\text{NF}} + \text{Counterflows}_{\text{NF}}$$

$$791 \quad 4. \quad \text{ATC}_{\text{NF3}} = \text{TTC} - \text{ETC}_{\text{F}} - \text{ETC}_{\text{NF3}} - \text{CBM}_{\text{S}} - \text{TRM}_{\text{U}} + \text{Postbacks}_{\text{NF}} + \text{Counterflows}_{\text{NF}}$$

$$792 \quad 5. \quad \text{ATC}_{\text{NF2}} = \text{TTC} - \text{ETC}_{\text{F}} - \text{ETC}_{\text{NF2}} - \text{CBM}_{\text{S}} - \text{TRM}_{\text{U}} + \text{Postbacks}_{\text{NF}} + \text{Counterflows}_{\text{NF}}$$

$$793 \quad 6. \quad \text{ATC}_{\text{NF1}} = \text{TTC} - \text{ETC}_{\text{F}} - \text{ETC}_{\text{NF1}} - \text{CBM}_{\text{S}} - \text{TRM}_{\text{U}} + \text{Postbacks}_{\text{NF}} + \text{Counterflows}_{\text{NF}}$$

794 Table 3 outlines the differences in how the ATC_{NF} algorithm components are calculated
795 between the Beyond Real-time and Real-time time horizons.

Table 3, ATC_{NF} Calculation for Beyond Real-Time and Real-Time Horizons

Algorithm Component	Beyond Real-time	Real-time
TTC	As described in TTC section in the ATCID	Same
ETC _F	Calculated using reservations and base ETC cases for flow-based paths <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>De minimis</i> impacts are treated as zero in ETC_F 	Calculated using schedules <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>De minimis</i> impacts are included in ETC_F
ETC _{NF}	Calculated using reservations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>De minimis</i> impacts are treated as zero in ETC_{NF} 	Calculated using reservations until scheduled, then calculated using schedules <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>De minimis</i> impacts are included in ETC_{NF} for both reservations and schedules
CBMs	N/A	N/A
TRM _U	As described in the TRMID	Same
Postback _{SNF}	Zero since ETC _{NF} is recalculated to capture changes to the Transmission Service Requests	Zero since ETC _{NF} is recalculated to capture changes to the Transmission Service Requests and/or schedules, with the exception of AC N>S
Counterflow _{SNF}	Included with schedules	Same

797 **Where:**

798 ATC_{NF} is the non-firm Available Transfer Capability for the ATC Path-path for that period for
799 which ATC_{NF} is being calculated.

800 BPA calculates six ATC_{NF} values as described above.

801 TTC is the Total Transfer Capability of the ATC Path-path for that period.

802 ETC_F is the sum of existing firm commitments for the ATC Path-path as specified in WEQ-023
803 during that period for which ATC_{NF} is being calculated.

804 The section below outlines how BPA calculates ETC_F for all of its paths for the beyond
805 Real-time and the Real-time horizons.

806 **ETC_F for the Beyond Real-Time Horizon**

807 Reservations, and base ETC cases for flow-based paths, are used to calculate ETC_F for the
808 Beyond Real-time horizon. When calculating ETC_F for this horizon, *de minimis* impacts of
809 reservations across flow-based paths are deemed to be zero.

810 For ATC_{NF} calculations for the beyond Real-time horizon, BPA utilizes the following
811 variables within its ATC software to calculate ETC_F:

812 $ETC_F = LRES + SRES - SADJ/ETC \text{ Adjustments} + NFETC$

813 **Where:**

814 **LRES** is the sum of positive impacts of BPA’s Long-Term Reservations.

815 **SRES** is the sum of positive impacts of BPA’s Short-Term Reservations.

816 **SADJ/ETC Adjustments** is the variable used to make adjustments to ETC_F not captured
817 in LRES or SRES.

818 BPA applies one such adjustment to allow for deferral competitions, as required in
819 Section 17.7 of BPA’s OATT. When a deferral reservation is confirmed, BPA applies a
820 SADJ/ETC Adjustment to hold out capacity for the time period deferred, starting at
821 the latter of five months out or the service commencement date of the original
822 reservation, to allow for a competition. At four months out, if no competition is
823 identified, the SADJ/ETC Adjustment is modified to add back capacity for the fourth
824 month out.

825 BPA uses SADJ/ETC Adjustments to ensure accurate accounting of ETC_F . These
826 adjustments may be performed to account for situations such as data modeling
827 corrections, and are noted in the descriptions of the adjustments.

828 **NFETC** is used to ensure that the amount of $NITS_F$, GF_F , PTP_F and ROR_F capacity BPA
829 sets aside in the LRES variable for contracts where BPA gives customers the right to
830 schedule the capacity reserved between multiple PORs and PODs does not exceed the
831 total capacity specified in those contracts.

832 **NFETC** is also used to align the ETC calculated in the power flow base case along with
833 additional PTDF calculations in order to balance to the standard OATI calculation.

834 This adjustment is derived by comparing two values: a) the impacts of the PTP_F , GF_F
835 and $NITS_F$ Long-Term Reservations derived from the base ETC Cases and b) the impacts
836 of the same reservations calculated using PTDF Analysis for each flow-based path. The
837 adjustment for each flow-based path is equal to the difference of these two values.
838 Conditional firm reservations are not included in the ETC Cases and therefore are also
839 not included in this comparison.

840 The following diagram illustrates how the variables in BPA’s ATC software correspond
841 to the variables in the ETC_F algorithm for the Beyond Real-time horizon.

ETC_F =	NITS_F	+	GF_F	+	PTP_F	+	ROR_F
	↓		↓		↓		↓
	LRES		LRES		LRES		LRES
	+				+		
	SRES				SRES		
	+		+		+		+
	NFETC		NFETC		NFETC		NFETC
	-		-		-		-
	SADJ/ETC Adjustments		SADJ/ETC Adjustments		SADJ/ETC Adjustments		SADJ/ETC Adjustments

842 **ETC_F for the Real-Time Horizon**

843 For ATC_{NF} calculations for the Real-time horizon, BPA divides ETC_F into the following
 844 variables within its ATC software:

845 **ETC_F = SCH⁺⁷ + ASC⁺⁷ + RADJ/ETC Adjustment**

846 Schedules are used to calculate ETC_F for the Real-time horizon. When calculating ETC_F for
 847 this horizon, *de minimis* impacts of schedules across flow-based paths are included in
 848 ETC_F.

849 **Where:**

850 **SCH⁺⁷** is the sum of the positive impacts of schedules that reference confirmed NITS_F,
 851 GF_F and PTP_F reservations for the ATC Path-path for that period. The energy profile of the
 852 schedule is used except for the schedule types of Dynamic, Capacity and Pseudo-
 853 tie.

854 **ASC⁺⁷** is the sum of the positive impacts of dynamic schedules that reference
 855 confirmed NITS_F, GF_F and PTP_F reservations for the ATC Path-path for that period. The
 856 transmission profile of the schedule is used for the schedule types of Dynamic,
 857 Capacity and Pseudo-tie.

858 **RADJ/ETC Adjustment:** BPA uses RADJ/ETC adjustments to ensure accurate
 859 accounting of ETC_F. These adjustments may be performed to account for situations
 860 such as data modeling corrections.

861 The following diagram illustrates how the variables in BPA’s ATC software correspond
 862 to the variables in the ETC_F algorithm for the Real-time horizon. ROR_F is not included
 863 in ETC_F for the Real-time horizon because ROR_F is not relevant for the Real-time
 864 horizon.

ETC _F =	NITS _F	+	GF _F	+	PTP _F
	↓		↓		↓
	SCH ⁺⁷		SCH ⁺⁷		SCH ⁺⁷
	+		+		+
	ASC ⁺⁷		ASC ⁺⁷		ASC ⁺⁷
	+		+		+
	RADJ/ETC Adjustment		RADJ/ETC Adjustment		RADJ/ETC Adjustment

865 **ETC_{NF}** is the sum of existing non-firm commitments for the ATC Path-path as specified in
 866 WEQ-023 during that period for which ATC_{NF} is being calculated.

867 The section below outlines how BPA calculates ETC_{NF} for all of its paths for the beyond
 868 Real-time and the Real-time horizons.

869 **ETC_{NF} for the Beyond Real-Time Horizon**

870 For ATC_{NF} calculations for the beyond Real-time horizon, ETC_{NF} is reflected as the
 871 following variable within BPA’s ATC software:

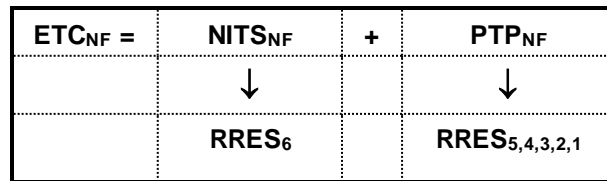
872 $ETC_{NF} = RRES_{6,5,4,3,2,1}$

873 Reservations are used to calculate ETC_{NF} for the Beyond Real-time horizon. When
 874 calculating ETC_{NF} for this horizon, *de minimis* impacts of reservations across flow-based
 875 paths are deemed to be zero.

876 **Where:**

877 $RRES_{6,5,4,3,2,1}$ is the sum of the positive impacts of all confirmed NITS_{NF6}, PTP_{NF5}, PTP_{NF4},
 878 PTP_{NF3}, PTP_{NF2} and PTP_{NF1} reservations.

879 The following diagram illustrates how the variables in BPA’s ATC software correspond
 880 to the variables in the ETC_{NF} algorithm for the Beyond Real-time horizon.



881 **ETC_{NF} for the Real-Time Horizon**

882 For ATC_{NF} calculations in the Real-time horizon, ETC_{NF} is reflected as the following
 883 variables within BPA’s ATC software:

884 $ETC_{NF} = SCH^+_{6,5,4,3,2,1} + ASC^+_{6,5,4,3,2,1}$

885 To calculate ETC_{NF} for the Real-time horizon, reservations are used until schedules are
 886 received, and then schedules are used. When calculating ETC_{NF} for this horizon, *de*
 887 *minimis* impacts across flow-based paths are included in ETC_{NF}, regardless of whether the
 888 reservation or schedule is being used in the calculation.

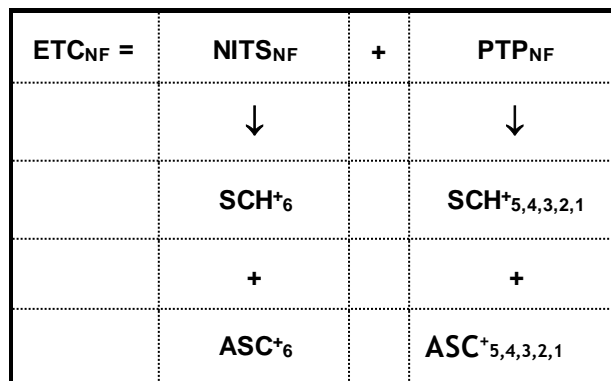
889 **Where:**

890 $SCH^+_{6,5,4,3,2,1}$ is the sum of the positive impacts of schedules referenced to confirmed
 891 NITS_{NF6}, PTP_{NF5}, PTP_{NF4}, PTP_{NF3}, PTP_{NF2} and PTP_{NF1} reservations, plus the sum of the
 892 positive impacts of pending and confirmed NITS_{NF6}, PTP_{NF5}, PTP_{NF4}, PTP_{NF3}, PTP_{NF2} and
 893 PTP_{NF1} reservations that have not yet been scheduled. Once these reservations are
 894 scheduled, the schedule is used for ETC_{NF}, thereby adding back the difference
 895 between the reservation and schedule amounts to ATC_{NF}. The energy profile of the
 896 schedule is used except for the schedule types of Dynamic, Capacity and Pseudo-tie.

897 $ASC^{+6,5,4,3,2,1}$ is the sum of positive impacts of dynamic schedules referenced to
 898 confirmed $NITS_{NF6}$, PTP_{NF5} , PTP_{NF4} , PTP_{NF3} , PTP_{NF2} and PTP_{NF1} reservations, plus the sum of
 899 the positive impacts of pending and confirmed $NITS_{NF6}$, PTP_{NF5} , PTP_{NF4} , PTP_{NF3} , PTP_{NF2} and
 900 PTP_{NF1} reservations that have not yet been scheduled. Once these reservations are
 901 scheduled, the schedule is used for ETC_{NF} , thereby adding back the difference
 902 between the reservation and schedule amounts to ATC_{NF} . The transmission profile of
 903 the schedule is used for the schedule types of Dynamic, Capacity and Pseudo-tie.

904 The following diagram illustrates how the variables in BPA's ATC software correspond
 905 to the variables in the ETC_{NF} algorithm for the Real-time horizon.

906



907 CBM_s is the Capacity Benefit Margin for the ATC Path-path that has been scheduled during
 908 that period.

909 BPA does not maintain CBM and thus sets CBM_s at zero for all of its paths for all time
 910 periods.

911 TRM_u is the Transmission Reliability Margin for the ATC Path-path that has not been released
 912 for sale (unreleased) as non-firm capacity by the Transmission Service Provider during that
 913 period.

914 The description of how BPA implements TRM can be found in BPA's TRMID, which is posted
 915 on BPA's website.

916 $Postbacks_{NF}$ are changes to non-firm Available Transfer Capability due to a change in the use
 917 of Transmission Service for that period, as defined in Business Practices WEQ-023.

918 The section below outlines how BPA calculates $Postbacks_{NF}$ for all of its paths for the
 919 beyond Real-time and the Real-time horizons.

920 $Postbacks_{NF}$ for the Beyond Real-time horizon

921 BPA automatically recalculates ETC_{NF} to account for changes to Transmission Service
 922 Requests (such as request types of Recall and annulments) for the Beyond Real-time
 923 horizon. Since these types of changes to Transmission Service Requests are captured in
 924 ETC_{NF} , BPA treats $Postbacks_{NF}$ as zero for this horizon.

925 **Postbacks_{SNF} for the Real-time Horizon**

926 BPA automatically recalculates ETC_{NF} to account for changes to Transmission Service
927 Requests (such as request types of Recall and annulments) and/or schedules for the Real-
928 time Horizon. Since these types of changes to Transmission Service Requests and/or
929 schedules are captured in ETC_{NF}, BPA treats Postbacks_{SNF} as zero for this horizon for all
930 paths with the exception of AC N>S.

931 For ATC_{NF} calculations for the AC N>S path in the Real-time horizon, BPA uses a
932 Postbacks_{SNF}, expressed as RADJ/ETC. For its hourly AC N>S non-firm calculations, BPA
933 posts back any unused share of non-firm capacity that is available to BPA by capacity
934 ownership and other Agreements for the AC N>S, if needed to prevent Curtailments.

935 **Counterflows_{SNF}** are adjustments to non-firm Available Transfer Capability as determined by
936 the Transmission Service Provider and specified in its ATCID.

937 Since a schedule provides assurance that the transaction will flow, all counterflows
938 resulting from firm and non-firm Transmission schedules, excluding tag types dynamic,
939 pseudo and capacity, are added back to ATC_{NF} in the Counterflows_{SNF} component. ~~(MOD-001~~
940 ~~R3.2)~~

941 In BPA's ATC_{NF} calculations, Counterflows_{SNF} is expressed as SCH^{7,6,5,4,3,2,1}, which is the sum
942 of schedules flowing in the direction counter to the direction of the path.

943 Counterflows are modeled in the ETC Cases used to determine ETC_F for BPA's flow-based
944 paths. In instances where the power flow study results in a negative base ETC value, BPA
945 uses zero as the base ETC for purposes of calculating ATC_{NF}. This is done to ensure that
946 BPA does not make capacity available as a result of counterflows that may or may not
947 materialize in real-time

948 In some cases, the amount of Counterflows_{SNF} exceeds the sum of the ETC_F and ETC_{NF},
949 which, when added to TTC, results in ATC_{NF} greater than TTC.

950 Note: The variable RADJ/ETC is also used to respond to a BPA dispatcher order to change ATC
951 values by a specified amount and thereby reduce schedules in-hour when the flow exceeds
952 the TTC.

953 **Adjustments to Flow-based Path ATC Values**

954 There may be instances where BPA needs to perform testing in the production environment of
955 BPA's ATC software, or add flow-based paths in advance of their effective date. In these
956 instances, BPA will adjust its ATC values across the flow-based paths to ensure that
957 Transmission Service Requests are not refused due to lack of ATC across the flow-based paths.
958 BPA will notify customers prior to events that require these types of adjustments to ATC
959 values.

~~VIII. Data Sources and Recipients~~

~~BPA receives data for use in its ATC calculations, and provides data for use in calculating 1:1 and flow-based path capabilities through the WECC base case process. BPA also directly receives and provides data, such as outage information and specific Transmission commitments, from and to the following Transmission Service Providers and Transmission Operators: (MOD-001 R3.3, R3.4)~~

- ~~• Avista Corporation~~
- ~~• BC Hydro~~
- ~~• California Independent System Operator~~
- ~~• City of Tacoma, Department of Public Utilities, Light Division~~
- ~~• Eugene Water and Electric Board~~
- ~~• Fortis BC~~
- ~~• Idaho Power Company~~
- ~~• Los Angeles Department of Water and Power~~
- ~~• NV Energy~~
- ~~• NorthWestern Energy~~
- ~~• Pacific Gas & Electric~~
- ~~• PacifiCorp~~
- ~~• Pend Oreille County Public Utility District No. 1~~
- ~~• Portland General Electric~~
- ~~• Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County~~
- ~~• Public Utility District No. 1 of Clark County~~
- ~~• Public Utility District No. 1 of Douglas County~~
- ~~• Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington~~
- ~~• Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County~~
- ~~• Puget Sound Energy, Inc.~~
- ~~• Sacramento Municipal Utility District~~
- ~~• Seattle City Light~~
- ~~• Southern California Edison~~
- ~~• Transmission Agency of Northern California~~
- ~~• Western Area Power Administration – Sierra Nevada Region~~

~~IX. Responding to Methodology/Documentation Clarifications and/or Data Requests~~

~~BPA will respond to all written requests for clarification of its TTC/TFC methodology, ATCID, CBMID, or TRMID from any registered entity that demonstrates a reliability need within 45 days of receiving the written request. Methodology and/or documentation clarification requests should be sent to nercatcstandards@bpa.gov with “Methodology/Documentation Clarification” in the subject line.~~

998 BPA will respond to written data requests from any Transmission Service Provider or
999 Transmission Operator, solely for use in the requestor's ATC or AFC calculations, within 45
1000 calendar days of receiving the written request. For a Transmission Service Provider or
1001 Transmission Operator to officially request data to use in ATC or AFC calculations, the
1002 requestor must fill out the **Data Request Form** found on BPA's ATC Methodology website.
1003 The completed request form must be sent to nercatcstandards@bpa.gov with "**Data Request**
1004 **Form**" in the subject line.

1005 ~~Upon official request from any Transmission Service Provider, Planning Coordinator,~~
1006 ~~Reliability Coordinator, or Transmission Operator for any data from the list below, solely for~~
1007 ~~use in the requestor's ATC or AFC calculations, BPA will begin to make the data available~~
1008 ~~within 30 calendar days of receiving the request.~~

- 1009 ~~• Expected generation and Transmission outages, additions, and retirements~~
- 1010 ~~• Load forecasts~~
- 1011 ~~• Unit commitments and order of dispatch, to include all designated resources (BPA does~~
1012 ~~not have resources that are committed or have the legal obligation to run)~~
- 1013 ~~• Firm NITS and non-firm NITS (i.e. Secondary Service)~~
- 1014 ~~• Firm and non-firm Transmission reservations~~
- 1015 ~~• Grandfathered obligations~~
- 1016 ~~• Firm roll-over rights~~
- 1017 ~~• Any firm and non-firm adjustments applied by BPA to reflect parallel path impacts~~
- 1018 ~~• Power flow models and underlying assumptions~~
- 1019 ~~• Contingencies, provided in one or more of the following formats:~~
 - 1020 ~~○ A list of Elements~~
 - 1021 ~~○ A list of flow-based paths~~
 - 1022 ~~○ A set of selection criteria that can be applied to the WECC base cases used by~~
1023 ~~BPA~~
- 1024 ~~• Facility Ratings~~
- 1025 ~~• Any other service that impact ETCs~~
- 1026 ~~• Values of CBM and TRM for all paths~~
- 1027 ~~• Values of TTC and ATC for all paths~~
- 1028 ~~• Source and sink identification and mapping to the WECC base cases~~

1029 ~~BPA will make this data available on the schedule specified by the requestor (but no more~~
1030 ~~frequently than once per hour, unless mutually agreed to by the requestor and Bonneville).~~

1031 ~~For a Transmission Service Provider, Planning Coordinator, Reliability Coordinator, or~~
1032 ~~Transmission Operator to officially request data to use in ATC or AFC calculations, the~~
1033 ~~requestor must fill out the **Data Request Form (MOD-001 R9)** found on BPA's ATC~~
1034 ~~Methodology website. The completed request form must be sent to~~
1035 ~~nercatcstandards@bpa.gov with **Data request Form (MOD-001 R9)** in the subject line. (MOD-~~
1036 ~~001 R9)~~

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X. ATCID Revisions

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~~BPA will notify the entities contained in ATCID TP Distribution List when implementing a new or revised ATCID and make its current ATCID available. (MOD-001 R4, R5)~~BPA posts this ATCID in accordance with NAESB Business Practice Standard WEQ-001.