

**Funding Advance**  
**Construction of Network**  
**Upgrades and Temporary**  
**Use of Network Upgrades**

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**BPA Transmission Business Practice**

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# Funding Advance Construction of Network Upgrades and Temporary Use of Network Upgrades

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This business practice outlines activities applicable to funding advance construction of Network Upgrades and the temporary use of Network Upgrades associated with an interconnection request from another Interconnection Customer in accordance with Attachment L of the BPA Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT) and applicable Large Generator Interconnection Agreement (LGIA).

### BPA Policy Reference

- [Open Access Transmission Tariff \(OATT\)](#): Attachment L

For more information, visit the [Business Practices Related to Interconnections webpage](#) or submit questions to [Interconnection@bpa.gov](mailto:Interconnection@bpa.gov).

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## A. Overview

1. Generally, each Interconnection Customer is responsible for advance funding its own Network Upgrades. However, in some circumstances, an Interconnection Customer may be responsible for advance funding Network Upgrades that are associated with another Interconnection Customer’s Large Generating Facility (see Section B).
  - a. Accordingly, BPA may allow a lower-queued Interconnection Customer to temporarily use those Network Upgrades to meet its In-Service Date (see Section C).
2. BPA is responsible for identifying which Network Upgrades are necessary to support each Interconnection Request and truing-up any funds received once each Interconnection Customer’s Large Generating Facility has reached its In-Service Date (see Section D).

## **B. Funding Advance Construction of Network Upgrades**

1. An Interconnection Customer may have the highest queue position relative to all other pending valid Interconnection Requests that identifies the same POI (Customer A).
2. Likewise, an Interconnection Customer(s) may have a lower queue position relative to Customer A's pending valid Interconnection Request that identifies the same POI (Customer B).
3. If Customer B executes an LGIA before Customer A, or Customer B executes an LGIA after Customer A, but Customer B's In-Service Date is earlier than Customer A's, then Customer B is responsible for funding:
  - a. Customer A and B's Network Upgrades; and
  - b. Customer B's Interconnection Facilities.

## **C. Temporary Use of Network Upgrades by Lower-Queued Interconnection Customer**

1. In accordance with Section B of this business practice, BPA may allow Customer B to temporarily use Customer A's Network Upgrades until:
  - a. Customer B's Network Upgrades are built; or
  - b. Customer A needs to use the Network Upgrades to meet its own In-Service Date.

## **D. True-up of Funds Received for Advance Construction of Network Upgrades**

1. No later than 30 Calendar Days after Customer A executes its LGIA, Customer A shall reimburse BPA the amount that Customer B paid toward Customer A's Network Upgrades.
  - a. Within 30 Calendar Days of BPA receiving funds from Customer A, BPA will remit Customer A's funds to Customer B less any Transmission Credits that Customer B may have already received for funding Customer A's Network Upgrades. (See the Generation Interconnection Transmission Credits Business Practice for additional information.)