

**Avista Corporation Transmission Services**

**Capacity Benefit Margin Implementation Document (CBMID)**

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**Section 1 – NERC defined terms:**

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

**CBMs** is the Capacity Benefit Margin for the ATC Path that has been scheduled during that period.

**Section 2 – Avista Application of defined terms:**

**CBM** is currently defined as zero. No Load Serving Entity (LSE) serving load on the Avista system or Resource Planner associated with the Balancing Authority Area has requested CBM.

**CBMs** will not be a value of anything other than zero since CBM has not been approved.

**Section 3 – Requirement 1.1[[1]](#footnote-1) (Process for Reviewing and Accommodating CBM):**

**An LSE within the Avista Balancing Authority Area shall use the following steps to request the set aside of CBM capacity:**

1. Determine the amount of CBM to be requested of Avista using the methodology described in MOD-004, R3.
2. Document the methodology and amount being requested in a formal letter to Avista, and on which path
3. Submit that letter to [NERCATCStandards@avistacorp.com](mailto:NERCATCStandards@avistacorp.com) or via standard mail to:

Manager, Transmission Services

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1. Avista’s Transmission Services Department will determine availability for CBM and respond to submitting party within 30 days

**A Resource Planner for the Avista Balancing Authority Area shall use the following steps to request the set aside of CBM capacity:**

1. Determine the amount of CBM to be requested of Avista using the methodology described in MOD-004, R4.
2. Document the methodology and amount being requested in a formal letter to Avista, and on which path
3. Submit that letter to [NERCATCStandards@avistacorp.com](mailto:NERCATCStandards@avistacorp.com) or via standard mail to:

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1. Avista’s Transmission Services Department will determine availability for CBM and respond to submitting party within 31 days[[2]](#footnote-2)

**Section 4 – Requirement 1.2[[3]](#footnote-3) (Procedure and Assumptions for Establishing CBM):**

**Upon receipt of a request from an LSE or Resource Planner, Avista shall process requests for CBM comparably, and will apply the following steps:**

1. Determine if firm ATC is available on the path being requested for the two year period following the beginning date of the request
2. Recommend alternative paths for CBM if requested path is unavailable
3. Ensure that the capacity being requested has been developed using the methodology in MOD-004, R3 or R4.
4. Review availability of CBM on a two year basis, beginning concurrently with the requested CBM service date

**Section 5 – Requirement 1.3[[4]](#footnote-4) (Procedure for LSE or BA to use CBM):**

Avista documents its procedures for using CBM in Avista Corporation’s Capacity Benefit Margin Business Practice (currently Version 8, posted on OASIS)

Avista documents the use of CBM as outlines in Avista Corporation’s Capacity Benefit Margin Business Practice (currently Version 8, posted on OASIS)

**Section 6 – Requirement 2 (CBMID Availability)**

**6.1 Availability of CBMID to Parties**

Avista will maintain a current copy of its CBMID on its OASIS site. Additionally, Avista will supply an electronic copy to the applicable entities listed in requirement R2 on or before the effective date of any change of the CBMID. Notification will be posted on OASIS will be made via email to the manager of each party’s compliance department, or other similarly positioned employee.

**Section 7 – Requirement 5 (Maintenance of an Established CBM value)**

Avista does not maintain a CBM value, and therefore does not establish a new CBM value at least once every 13 months.

**Section 8 – Requirement 6 (Establishment of a new CBM value for the planning period)**

Avista has received no request for CBM to date, and will not establish a CBM value until it has received such a request from an LSE or Resource Planner within the Avista Balancing Authority Area under the process outlined above. Once such request has been made, this CBMID will be revised and a new CBM value will be established for the required period.

1. “The process through which a Load-Serving Entity within a Balancing Authority Area associated with the Transmission Service Provider, or the Resource Planner associated with that Balancing Authority Area, may ensure that its need for Transmission capacity to be set aside as CBM will be reviewed and accommodated by the Transmission Service Provider to the extent Transmission capacity is available.” [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Per MOD-004, R7 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. “The procedure and assumptions for establishing CBM for each Available Transfer Capability (ATC) Path or Flowgate.” [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. “The procedure for a Load-Serving Entity or Balancing Authority to use Transmission capacity set aside as CBM, including the manner in which the Transmission Service Provider will manage situations where the requested use of CBM exceeds the amount of CBM available.” [↑](#footnote-ref-4)