

Acadiana Load Pocket Mitigation of Transmission Constraints

The Acadiana Load Pocket (ALP) is an area in south central Louisiana that has experienced regular transmission constraints. Transmission within the ALP is owned by Entergy, Lafayette Utilities System (LUS), and Cleco Power LLC (Cleco). The constraints within the ALP are primarily caused by the local area load and lack of generation in the area. Thus, in most instances, ALP constraints can be mitigated by limiting imports into the region and increasing local generation owned by LUS and Cleco.

Cleco has created two new OASIS transmission products for use under certain conditions when mitigating transmission constraints within the ALP. These transmission products can only be used: a) when there is a TLR 5 or higher constraint within the ALP or the ALP import limit agreement has been declared by the Reliability Coordinator (RC) to be in effect in real-time; and b) the RC has directed LUS to buy from Teche. These products are:

Hourly Non-Firm Point_to_Point Fixed Off_Peak ALPMIT
Hourly Non-Firm Point_to_Point Fixed On_Peak ALPMIT

The service code on the OASIS for the above mentioned products are:

Hourly NF OnPeak PTP ALPMIT
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These products are available to any valid transmission customer wanting to buy transmission service from Teche into Lafayette to alleviate the constraint. These products are a billable product whether or not energy ever flows and is only allowed if the above mentioned conditions are met.

The posted path for the new products to help alleviate the security issues in the ALP is the following:

P/CLEC/CLEC-LAFA/TECHE-LAFA/
Source: TECHE POR: CLEC
Sink: LAFA POD: LAFA

This path is for preconfirmed hourly non-firm (NF) point-to-point transmission service as described above. The new path will have posted non-firm point-to-point ATC. Any transmission request will be evaluated against the posted ATC. If there is not enough posted ATC to accommodate the request, the request will be "REFUSED" due to lack of ATC.

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The transmission path is also **NOT** an ESIA subtype allowable path. Any request for service other than preconfirmed hourly service (i.e. Daily, Weekly, etc.) on this path will be “Declined” with the message, “ALPMIT service only allowed for preconfirmed hourly non-firm point-to-point service.” As with other non-firm hourly products, there can be multiple hours of the NF hourly ALPMIT product reserved at one time, i.e. the product is not limited to a single hour. The transmission customer will be invoiced for all hours reserved at the hourly non-firm rates, in addition to mandatory ancillary services and losses, in effect at the time of service as defined in Schedule 8 of the OATT. All transmission reserved will be invoiced even if the conditions allowing the initial establishment of service under these products have expired or the Teche energy transaction was never scheduled.

Due to system reliability risk, all reasonable effort will be used by the transmission provider to accommodate these request that would otherwise be deemed late under normal conditions. The timing requirement for non-firm point-to-point OATT service shall be forgiven if practicable. The ALPMIT products can be reserved for service beginning during the current-hour, or service for the next hour immediately prior to the start of the hour, which is considered late under OATT timing requirements. Partial hour reservations are invoiced for the full hour and all reserved transmission will be invoiced without regard to whether energy is actually scheduled.

The reservation will need to be made for the full instantaneous value that is needed, not the integrated MWH value. Example – if 100 MW is needed for 15 minutes, the reservation would need to be for the full 100 MW and not the integrated 25 MWH value. As state above, the reservation will be invoiced for the full hour, and the full instantaneous value.

Change log:

08/27/2008 - Removed requirement for Emergency Energy Alert 3 (EEA3) to have been required by LUS.