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**Business Practice:                   Criteria for Performing System Impact Studies on Short-Term Firm Requests**

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**Purpose**

The purpose of this business practice is to establish the criteria by which a System Impact Study (SIS) will or will not be performed for requests of Short-Term Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service.

**Policy**

It is the policy of the Transmission Provider that System Impact Studies are only required if it is necessary to evaluate the impact of a request prior to granting service. The Transmission Provider will use its knowledge of the system, including prior studies and system assessments, to grant short-term requests when possible. The Transmission Provider will in every instance consider whether a system impact study is in fact required to evaluate the request for service.

**Practice**

1. Transmission Provider will evaluate requests for Short-Term Firm Point-to-Point

Transmission Service with consideration to the following:

- The Posted Firm ATC (i.e., whether there is sufficient capacity to accommodate the request either in full or in part)
- The existing and expected future system conditions with respect to their effect on the requested path Total Transfer Capability (TTC)
- Results of existing System Impact Studies
- Time limitations in performing a new System Impact Study as well as the ability to implement any Transmission System upgrades recommended by a System Impact Study within the start and stop times of the pending request.

- The relative need to evaluate the impact of the request prior to granting service.
2. If Transmission Provider determines that the request cannot be accommodated in full or in part by consideration of the above then Transmission Provider will take either of the following actions:
- a. If there is no Firm ATC, the request will be Refused and a reason for refusing the request and a statement as to whether or not a System Impact Study was evaluated or performed will be posted by the Transmission Provider.
  - b. If there is Firm ATC but at a quantity less than the amount requested then the request will be counteroffered.

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