



**Business Practice: Priority Evaluations for Short-Term Firm Point-To-Point Requests**

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**1. Purpose**

Section 13.2 of Portland General Electric’s Open Access transmission Tariff (OATT) and NAESB OASIS Standard WEQ-001 describe the prioritization of Short Term Firm Point-To-Point Transmission requests and reservations. This business practice clarifies our interpretation of this guidance for evaluating Short-Term Firm Point-To-Point requests or reservations with regard to reservation priority.

**2. Practice**

PGE OATT Section 13.2 (ii) states,

“Reservations for Short-Term Firm Point-To-Point Transmission Service will be conditional based upon the length of the requested reservation.”

This requirement establishes that there are different intervals of time that a confirmed request is determined to be conditional and these time intervals are as described in part (iii) of this OATT section.

The section goes on to state,

“Pre-Confirmed Applications for Short-Term Point-To-Point Transmission Service will receive priority over earlier-submitted requests that are not Pre-Confirmed and that have equal or shorter duration.”

For an earlier-submitted non Pre-Confirmed request to have priority, it must have a longer duration than a request that is Pre-Confirmed. Duration is independent of the Start Time of the request, and depends only on the duration of the competing requests.

The last sentence in this section states,

“Among requests or reservations with the same duration and, as relevant, pre-confirmation status (pre-confirmed, confirmed or not pre-confirmed), priority will be given to an Eligible Customer’s request or reservation that offers the highest price, followed by the date and time of the request or reservation.”

Presently PGE does not discount any transmission service so price will not be a consideration with regard to priority between two competing requests or reservations. Priority will be based solely on the queue time of the subject requests.

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PGE OATT Section 13.2 (iii) states,

“If the Transmission System becomes oversubscribed, requests for service may preempt competing reservations for Daily Firm service up to the conditional reservation deadline which is one Working Day before the commencement of daily service...”.

This requirement has to do with the competition between a pending request and a confirmed reservation. However, two pending requests in consideration at the same time will remain subject to competition even during the last Working Day prior to the commencement of service as per the NAESB Table 4-3, Priorities for Competing Requests. Working Day is defined as Monday through Friday, excluding any prescheduling holidays observed by the Western Electricity Coordinating Council.

If the queue times appear to be identical, and pre-confirmed status, increment and duration are the same, then priority will be given to the request with the smaller assignment reference number.

The section goes on to state,

“Before the conditional reservation deadline, if available transfer capability is insufficient to satisfy all requests and reservations, an Eligible Customer with a reservation for shorter term service has the right of first refusal to match any longer term request or equal duration service with a higher price before losing its reservation priority.”

As stated above, PGE does not presently discount any transmission service so priority is determined by the duration of the two requests. A conditional reservation that was queued earlier but has a shorter duration has the right of first refusal to match any longer duration request but, as stated below, the competing, longer duration request must be Pre-Confirmed.

The Eligible Customer with the right of first refusal has 24 hours (or no later than 10:00 am of the preschedule day of the request) to match the competing request, otherwise transmission service will be granted to the longer duration request. The 10:00 a.m. limitation is consistent with the exception described in Section 13.8 of PGE’s OATT.

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**3. Short-Term Firm Portion (Tier 2) of Table 4-3, Priorities for Competing Requests, of NAESB OASIS Standard WEQ-001**

For comparative purposes, the applicable rows of the priority table in the NAESB OASIS Standard WEQ-001, which are consistent with PGE's OATT, are presented here.

As the table states, all Short-Term Firm Requests that have the ability to preempt an earlier submitted reservation must be Pre-Confirmed. There are situations where a pending request may be preempted by a pre-confirmed request. This means that a pending request may be preempted even on the prescheduling day.

Only Confirmed Short-Term Firm reservations that are conditional have the right of first refusal. Once a confirmed reservation is beyond its conditional deadline it can not be preempted.

Row	Request or Reservation 1	Is Preempted by Subsequent Request 2	Right of First Refusal
2	Pending (not confirmed) or confirmed but <b>conditional</b> Short-term Firm	Long-term Firm, Native Load, or Network Firm	No
3a	Pending, pre-confirmed Short-term Firm	Pre-confirmed Short-term Firm of higher service increment	No
3b	Pending, pre-confirmed Short-term Firm	Pre-confirmed Short-term Firm of the same service increment <b>but of longer duration</b>	No
3d	Pending, <b>not</b> pre-confirmed Short-term Firm	Pre-confirmed Short-term Firm of higher service increment	No
3e	Pending, <b>not</b> pre-confirmed Short-term Firm	Pre-confirmed Short-term Firm for the same service increment and of equal or longer duration	No
3f	Confirmed but <b>conditional</b> Short-term Firm	Pre-confirmed Short-term Firm of higher service increment	<b>Yes</b>
3g	Confirmed but <b>conditional</b> Short-term Firm	Pre-confirmed Short-term Firm of the same service increment but of longer duration	<b>Yes</b>

**4. References**

- 4.1. PGE Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT) Section 13.2
- 4.2. NAESB OASIS Standards WEQ-001, Negotiations with Competing Bids for Constrained Resources, including Table 4-3, Priorities for Competing Reservation Requests.

## 5. Revision History

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