



Western Area Power Administration (Western) Simultaneous Submission Window Processing Business Practice

FERC Order 890 required transmission providers with a “no earlier than” time limit offer a simultaneous submission window (SSW). Western will deem all short-term firm requests received within the first five (5) minutes of the window opening as having the same queue time. Western will use a lottery methodology to allocate the transmission.

Transmission requests **eligible** for the lottery:

- Hourly-Firm (For Regions that offer this service);
- Daily-Firm;
- Weekly-Firm;
- Monthly-Firm;

Transmission requests **not eligible** for the lottery:

- All non-firm products are not eligible for the lottery.
- All secondary (redirects on a non-firm) are not eligible for the lottery.
- Undesignated Network-Resource is not eligible for the lottery. While this product has a high NERC priority, 6, it is still considered to be a non-firm product.
- Yearly-Firm is not eligible for the lottery. There is “no earlier than” time limit associated with this product. A request for long-term firm can be made at anytime, due to this reason it isn’t eligible for the lottery. Western will continue to offer this product on a first come, first serve basis.

Lottery Allocation Methodology

All eligible transmission service requests received within the simultaneous submission window will be allocated to requesting Customers through a “Customer Allocation Lottery” as follows:

Prior to using the lottery methodology, Western will allocate the transmission in the following order:

1. Duration, requests with a longer duration will receive a priority;
2. Pre-Confirmed, requests will receive a priority over requests that are not pre-confirmed and have an equal or shorter duration;
3. Bid Price, if duration and pre-confirmed status are the same a priority will be given to a request with a higher bid price, not to exceed Western’s transmission rate.



For each set of requests submitted with identical duration, pre-confirmation status and price. Western will use the lottery methodology to allocate the transmission. Western will run the methodology **only once** for each simultaneous submission window queue.

Possible Scenarios

Multiple requests received and after the lottery order has been determined only a portion of the last request can be accommodated. Western will counteroffer the last request the remaining amount of firm capacity. If the request is pre-confirmed, Western will not require the customer to accept the counteroffer, due to the megawatt granted differ from the megawatt requested.

If a scenario occurs where a non pre-confirmed request doesn't confirm the transmission request within the allotted time, Western will release the un-confirmed transmission to the market on a first come first serve basis.