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Transmission Line Ratings

General:

The Transmission Provider will implement Transmission Line Ratings on the transmission lines over which it provides Transmission Service, as provided below.

Definitions:

The following definitions apply for purposes of this Attachment:

(1) “Transmission Line Rating” means the maximum transfer capability of a transmission line, computed in accordance with a written Transmission Line Rating methodology and consistent with Good Utility Practice, considering the technical limitations on conductors and relevant transmission equipment (such as thermal flow limits), as well as technical limitations of the Transmission System (such as system voltage and stability limits). Relevant transmission equipment may include, but is not limited to, circuit breakers, line traps, and transformers.

(2) “Ambient-Adjusted Rating” (AAR) means a Transmission Line Rating that:

- (a) Applies to a time period of not greater than one hour.
- (b) Reflects an up-to-date forecast of ambient air temperature across the time period to which the rating applies.
- (c) Is calculated at least each hour, if not more frequently.

(3) “Seasonal Line Rating” means a Transmission Line Rating that:

- (a) Applies to a specified season, where seasons are defined by the Transmission Provider to include not fewer than four seasons in each year, and to reasonably reflect portions of the year where expected high temperatures are relatively consistent.

(b) Reflects an up-to-date forecast of ambient air temperature across the relevant season over which the rating applies.

(c) Is calculated annually, if not more frequently, for each season in the future for which Transmission Service can be requested.

(4) “Emergency Rating” means a Transmission Line Rating that reflects operation for a specified, finite period, rather than reflecting continuous operation. An Emergency Rating may assume an acceptable loss of equipment life or other physical or safety limitations for the equipment involved.

System Reliability:

If the Transmission Provider reasonably determines, consistent with Good Utility Practice, that the temporary use of a Transmission Line Rating different than would otherwise be required by this Attachment is necessary to ensure the safety and reliability of the Transmission System, then the Transmission Provider may use such an alternate rating. The Transmission Provider must document in its database of Transmission Line Ratings and Transmission Line Rating methodologies on OASIS or another password-protected website, as required by this Attachment, the use of an alternate Transmission Line Rating under this paragraph, including the nature of and basis for the alternate rating, the date and time that the alternate rating was initiated, and (if applicable) the date and time that the alternate rating was withdrawn and the standard rating became effective again.

Obligations of Transmission Provider:

The Transmission Provider will have the following obligations.

The Transmission Provider must use AARs as the relevant Transmission Line Ratings when determining whether to make flow-based curtailments (under section 13.6) Firm Point-To-Point Transmission Service or when determining whether to curtail and/or interrupt (under section 14.7) Non-Firm Point-To-Point Transmission Service if such curtailment and/or interruption is both necessary because of issues related to flow limits on transmission lines and anticipated to occur (start and end) within 10 days of such determination. For determining whether to curtail or interrupt Point-To-Point Transmission Service in other situations, the Transmission Provider must use Seasonal Line Ratings as the relevant Transmission Line Ratings.

The Transmission Provider must use AARs as the relevant Transmission Line Ratings when determining whether to make flow-based curtailments (under section 33) or redispatch (under sections 30.5 and/or 33) Network Integration Transmission Service or secondary service if such curtailment or redispatch is both necessary because of issues related to flow limits on transmission lines and anticipated to occur (start and end) within 10 days of such determination. For determining the necessity of curtailment or redispatch of Network Integration Transmission Service or secondary service in other situations, the Transmission Provider must use Seasonal Line Ratings as the relevant Transmission Line Ratings.

The Transmission Provider must use Seasonal Line Ratings as the relevant Transmission Line Ratings when evaluating requests for and whether to curtail, interrupt, or redispatch any Transmission Service not otherwise covered above in this section (including, but not limited to, requests for non-Near-Term Transmission Service or requests to designate or change the designation of Network Resources or Network Load), when developing any ATC or other information posted or provided to potential customers related to such services. The Transmission Provider must use Seasonal Line Ratings as a recourse rating in the event that an AAR otherwise required to be used under this Attachment is unavailable.

The Transmission Provider must use uniquely determined Emergency Ratings for contingency analysis in the operations horizon and in post-contingency simulations of constraints. Such uniquely determined Emergency Ratings must also include separate AAR calculations for each Emergency Rating duration used.

In developing forecasts of ambient air temperature for AARs and Seasonal Line Ratings, the Transmission Provider must develop such forecasts consistent with Good Utility Practice and on a non-discriminatory basis.

Postings to OASIS or another password-protected website: The Transmission Provider must maintain on the password-protected section of its OASIS page or on another password-protected website a database of Transmission Line Ratings and Transmission Line Rating methodologies. The database must include a full record of all Transmission Line Ratings, both as used in real-time operations, and as used for all future periods for which Transmission Service is offered. Any postings of temporary alternate Transmission Line Ratings or exceptions used under the System Reliability section above or the Exceptions section below, respectively, are considered part of the database. The database must include records of which

Transmission Line Ratings and Transmission Line Rating methodologies were in effect at which times over at least the previous five years, including records of which temporary alternate Transmission Line Ratings or exceptions were in effect at which times during the previous five years. Each record in the database must indicate which transmission line the record applies to, and the date and time the record was entered into the database. The database must be maintained such that users can view, download, and query data in standard formats, using standard protocols.

Sharing with Transmission Providers: The Transmission Provider must share, upon request by any Transmission Provider and in a timely manner, the following information:

- (1) Transmission Line Ratings for each period for which Transmission Line Ratings are calculated, with updated ratings shared each time Transmission Line Ratings are calculated, and
- (2) Written Transmission Line Rating methodologies used to calculate the Transmission Line Ratings in (1) above.

Exceptions: Where the Transmission Provider determines, consistent with Good Utility Practice, that the Transmission Line Rating of a transmission line is not affected by ambient air temperature or solar heating, the Transmission Provider may use a Transmission Line Rating for that transmission line that is not an AAR or Seasonal Line Rating. Examples of such a transmission line may include (but are not limited to): (1) a transmission line for which the technical transfer capability of the limiting conductors and/or limiting transmission equipment is not dependent on ambient air temperature or solar heating; or (2) a transmission line whose transfer capability is limited by a Transmission System limit (such as a system voltage or stability limit) which is not dependent on ambient air temperature or solar heating. The Transmission Provider must document in its database of Transmission Line Ratings and Transmission Line Rating methodologies on OASIS or another password-protected website any exceptions to the requirements contained in this Attachment initiated under this paragraph, including the nature of and basis for each exception, the date(s) and time(s) that the exception was initiated, and (if applicable) the date(s) and time(s) that each exception was withdrawn and the standard rating became effective again. If the technical basis for an exception under this paragraph changes, then the Transmission Provider must update the relevant Transmission Line Rating(s) in a timely manner. The Transmission Provider must reevaluate any exceptions taken under this paragraph at least every five years.