

Long-Term Availability Transfer Capability Methodologies

What has happened since the last update?

- *ATC Methodologies for the Planning Time Period* (beyond 13 months) has been posted with redlines for public comment to meet several objectives:
 - Streamline the document and make updates to model inputs easier to incorporate
 - Clarify language and remove redundancies
 - Prepare for the implementation of conversion of West of Hatwai from an External Interconnection to a Flowgate
- Annual Long-Term ATC Base Case Update has begun

Are there any new change impacts?

- Data and information proposed for removal from the *ATC Methodologies for the Planning Time Period, Version 15* will instead be posted at:
<https://www.bpa.gov/transmission/Doing%20Business/ATCMethodology/Pages/BaseCaseUpdates.aspx>
- BPA has chosen to convert West of Hatwai from an External Interconnection to a Flowgate
 - This requires use of flow-based analysis to calculate Long-Term Existing Transmission Commitments (ETC) to determine the ATC values
 - This new Flowgate is constrained during light-load conditions and will necessitate inclusion of an off-peak case in ATC studies
 - West of Hatwai will be included in the annual Long-Term ATC Base Case Update; however BPA will continue to use the current External Interconnection ATC values until IT systems and processes are ready

What is the current schedule?

- June 25, 2019: comment period for changes to the *ATC Methodologies for the Planning Team Period, Version 15* closes
- Late summer 2019: updated Long-Term Firm ATC values will be posted and BPA will hold a public meeting on the results
- Fall 2019: West of Hatwai conversion to a Flowgate is implemented

What are the next steps?

- BPA will evaluate feedback received in response to proposed changes to the *ATC Methodologies for the Planning Team Period, Version 15*
 - The bulk of the proposed redlines are expected to become effective prior to the release of the Long-Term ATC Base Case Update in late summer
 - Redlines to execute the West of Hatwai conversion are expected to become effective in the Fall
- BPA will schedule a public meeting to release the Long-Term ATC Base Case Update no later than October

Consolidated ST & LT ATC Timeline

