

# NITS Access to Transmission Capacity Initial Alternatives Meeting

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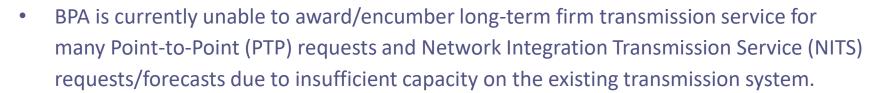
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## **Problem**



- PTP customers have access to Conditional Firm Service (CFS), which grants long-term transmission service with specific provisions.
- In the TC-20 Settlement, customers agreed to eliminate CFS for NT, consistent with the pro forma tariff, and implement NITS on OASIS. BPA has been working on these and one of the alternatives accommodates the agreement.
- Explore ideas to meet NITS customers' needs pending the outcome of the Transmission Planning Reform project and/or the NITS New Load-Load Growth project.

#### Potential near-term solutions

- Expand customer use of 6-NN
- Offer long-term firm capacity to NITS customers without commercial study in certain instances, perhaps for load growth not deemed "New Network Load" and served from the FCRPS
- Limit renewal/rollover rights on new PTP service offers to accommodate NITS load growth and reassess existing CFS offers biannually as needed

#### Potential longer-term solutions – Note: These two alternatives are likely mutually exclusive

- Renewed evaluation of pro forma NITS elements such as planning redispatch, automatic devices, NITS on OASIS.
- Modify BPA's tariff to offer CFS to NITS customers

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## Near-Term Alternatives

- A. Expand NITS customer use of monthly 6-NN by opening scheduling windows and/or eliminating capacity checks (on flow-based paths)
  - Offer 6NN/Secondary Service to NITS customers in an earlier time frame (i.e., monthly rather than only in hourly preschedule and real-time) and/or bypassing ATC check
  - Would not aid ability to designate resources nor allow customers to receive market congestion rent but may facilitate participation in WRAP
- B. Provide NITS LTF service prior to reliability infrastructure being in place, only for base load, served from the FCRPS
  - This is a component of status quo
  - Recent implementation has been challenged by local area constraints (require LLIR-associated upgrades)

## Near-Term Alternatives (cont.)

- C. Limit renewal rights on new PTP requests and reassess CFS offers
  - New PTP offers would be evaluated for possible limitation of rollover if capacity is determined to be needed for future by NITS load growth
  - Doesn't free up capacity, so not likely to result in many NITS offers, but stops exacerbating capacity limitations

#### Renew evaluation of *pro forma* NITS elements

- Consistent with 2017 Pro Forma Gap Analysis decision and TC-20 settlement commitments, though BPA has encountered difficulties in implementing elements of pro forma
  - Planning redispatch and NT redispatch
  - "Automatic devices" or RAS

#### Provide CFS to NITS customers

- Would require a tariff change
- Requested by some NITS customers and would provide eligibility to receive congestion rent in EIM
- May impede NITS on OASIS Phase II implementation
- May not result in many offers

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## **Next Steps**

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- Questions?
- Comments due March 19, 2025