

**Transmission Business Line
Sept. 16, 2004 Customer Conference Call
Notes**

Customer Participation:

Klickitat PUD, Avista Corp, Tractebel Energy Marketing, Grant, Tacoma, Seattle, Power Business Line, PNGC, Snohomish, Douglas, Sempra and Avista.

Status Report and System Update:

- The process changes are pretty much solidified
- The project overview has been posted
- Cutover strategy is as follows:

11/9/2004	Preferred order of scheduling events (Set up account, submit tag, request schedule.
11/9/2004	ETMS turned off.
11/9/2004	OATI will become tagging system & tag authority/approval service.
11/9/2004	New tool to support consistency between tags and schedules.
11/9/2004	Tags matched to accounts - no corrective action.
11/9/2004	New automated scheduling path and contract validations - no corrective action.
11/9/2004	Tags will be actively processed 24-7.
11/9/2004	Tag suffixes to be used for reserves, losses, PF-block and station service - no corrective action.
11/9/2004	Checkout to include checkout on tags
12/6/2004	Pre-schedule to deny tags if account can't be built, Real-time to deny tags if account not available.
12/6/2004	Corrective action taken when automated scheduling path and contract validations find errors.
12/6/2004	Corrective action taken when tag suffixes are missing or incorrect.
12/6/2004	Corrective action taken when tags and schedules are out of balance and resolution not found.
12/6/2004	Tag required before schedule in Real-Time, Real-Time to use the five-minute rule.
1/3/2005	In-hour curtailment communication via the tag, not phone.
1/3/2005	Tags will be curtailed along with schedules in a curtailment.
1/3/2004	If a transaction contributes to a customers net interchange, it will need to be tagged.

Questions and Answers:

Question: Will the customers receive training on the new processes?

Answer: BPA will be holding two workshops at the schedulers meeting, one on Oct. 19 before the meeting and another on Oct. 20 after the meeting.

Question: Are corrective actions being automated in RODS and/or the tagging system?

Answer: No automation will be added to RODS. Possible simple standard validations in the OATI system will use auto deny. BPA's goal is to have consistency in the processing and messaging.

Question: What is the intent of the workshop, to demonstrate the OATI system or the processes?

Answer: BPA will be focusing on the process changes and how we will work with you in the future. We hope this will be a time for discussion.

Question: When you send the overview posting can you attach a visual timeline?

Answer: Yes. We have one drafted and we will be happy to include it.

Question: We would like more detail on matching rods and tags and the balancing.

Answer: Details are in the overview strategy posted to the Web site.

Posting Update:

The overview and the timeline documents were posted on Sept. 17. TBL will post the cutover implementation two weeks prior to implementation. In the future, BPA will have postings on dynamic scheduling and curtailments. If there are other topics you want additional clarification on, please turn your request into etag@bpa.gov.

Open & New Issues:

- Timelines - Posted on the web:
http://www.transmission.bpa.gov/Business/Customer_Forum_and_Feedback/Scheduling_Automation/documents/Tag_to_Schedule_Process_changes.pdf
- Partial Awards - Nothing changes. TBL won't sell transmission via the tag. Transmission is sold via the called-in schedule. If the tag is out of balance, the tag will have to be adjusted, corrected or possibly withdrawn and a new tag submitted. Note: A timing restriction when you can change a tag is dependent on the approved status of the tag.
- Curtailment - BPA will curtail schedules and use the tags as notification. If someone else initiates the curtailment they must not only curtail the tag, but also call in the schedule adjustment per our tariff and business practices. This is due to the fact that we do not have a one-for-one match between tags and schedules.

Question: What if the scheduling entity receiving the curtailed tag also requires a phone call to adjust their schedules? If we have an imbalance as a result of the schedule cut not being called in, this will result in pool errors.

Answer: We will add this to the Sept. 25 agenda for discussion.

Question: Why can't the Real-Time schedulers be trained to create RODs accounts so we can have accounts built 24x7?

Answer: TBL looked into this. The RODS Account building process is an extremely complex process. It would be too much for Real-Time to take this on, along with the many other systems and processes they are having to learn.

Question: When will RODS go away?

Answer: This will be part of phase II. TBL will post their transmission products on OASIS. The ATC will need to be automated and TBL will need to create schedules from tags and make sure billing can retrieve the information they need.

Question: Why can't we use temporary accounts?

Answer: This has been tried before; it creates a nightmare for After-the-Fact and Billing.

Next call:

We will talk about timelines, curtailments and the overview posting.

Please send scenarios and questions to etag@bpa.gov