

Balancing Service Election for Dispatchable Energy Resource Balancing Service (DERBS), and Variable Energy Resource Balancing Service (VERBS) Version 1

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The Balancing Service Election for Dispatchable Energy Resource Balancing Service (DERBS), and Variable Energy Resource Balancing Service (VERBS) Business Practice applies to the Dispatchable and Variable resources operating in the BPA Balancing Authority Area. This implements the requirements for Dispatchable and Variable Energy Resources to make their elections for receiving Balancing Services from BPA for the FY 2014 - 2015 rate period. Although the BPA Administrator has not yet made a final decision regarding aspects of DERBS and VERBS rates for this upcoming rate period, BPA will need the information as part of BPA's forecast of balancing reserve capacity requirements to price reserves, and to make a final rates decision for the rate period.

BPA is implementing staged customer elections by having customers elect their scheduling commitments on April 5, 2013 but allowing customers to elect their level of service on July 1, 2013. This election schedule provides sufficient scheduling information to set reserve levels for the FCRPS, and to identify a potential need to acquire Type 1 and Type 2 level reserves over the rate period. It also allows time to more fully define "Full Service," and "Enhanced Supplemental Service" (ESS) to help customers make an informed service level election.

As of April 5, 2013, the Administrator has not yet made a final decision regarding the proposed ACS-14 rate schedule. To the extent the Administrator's final decision regarding the proposed ACS-14 rate schedule conflicts with any term in this Business Practice, the final ACS-14 rate schedule will govern.

The Service Election form to identify a Balancing Service Election is located at: http://transmission.bpa.gov/Customer_Forum/acs/service_election_form.xls.

A. Election Date

1. Each DER Customer in the BPA Balancing Authority Area must either purchase DERBS from BPA or make a Balancing Service Election to Self Supply comparable service for the FY 2014 - 15 rate period by Close of Business on April 5, 2013. This entails the Customer's election to:
 - a. Take DERBS, or
 - b. Self Supply balancing reserves, or
 - c. Dynamically transfer a Generating Facility out of BPA's Balancing Authority

2. Each VER Customer must make a Balancing Service Election for the FY 2014 - 15 rate period by Close of Business on April 5, 2013. This entails the Customer's election to:
 - a. Take VERBS, and
 - b. Choose a scheduling paradigm (uncommitted, 30/30, or 30/60), or
 - c. Self Supply generation imbalance reserve capacity or all components of VERBS, or
 - d. Participate in BPA's Customer Supplied Generation Imbalance program, or
 - e. Dynamically transfer a Generating Facility out of BPA's Balancing Authority.

3. Each VER Customer may elect to participate in Full Service by Close of Business on July 1, 2013. Elections to participate in Full Service are not binding for the entire rate period of FY2014 - 2015 but would be for a minimum of a three-month period with a 90 day notice to terminate participation. A VER Customer that elects to participate in Full Service or Enhanced Supplemental Service at some time during the FY 2014 - 2015 rate period must meet the eligibility criteria set forth in the Full Service or Enhanced Supplemental Service business practices.

Parties that elect to Self Supply Balancing Reserves or dynamically transfer out of the BPA Balancing Authority Area will not be eligible to take Full Service or Enhanced Supplemental Service.

4. Except as provided in the Final ACS-14 rate schedule, a DER Customer that fails to make a Balancing Service Election pursuant to this Business Practice will be assumed to not be Self Supplying Balancing Resources and will be subject to the Final ACS-14 rate schedule for DERBS during the FY 2014 - 2015 rate period.

5. Except as provided in the Final ACS-14 rate schedule, a VER Customer that fails to make a Balancing Service Election pursuant to this Business Practice will be subject to Final ACS-14 VERBS rate schedule for uncommitted scheduling during the FY 2014 - 2015 rate period.

B. Eligibility Criteria for Self-Supply of VERBS and DERBS

1. A VER Customer that elects to Self-Supply balancing reserves or generation imbalance balancing reserves for the FY 2014 - 2015 rate period must meet the eligibility criteria set forth in the Self Supply of Balancing Reserves Business Practice or the Customer Supplied Generation Imbalance Business Practice.

2. A DER Customer that elects to Self-Supply balancing reserves for the FY 2014 - 2015 rate period must meet the eligibility criteria set forth in the Self Supply of Balancing Reserves Business Practice.

C. Eligibility Criteria for Dynamic Transfer Out of the BPA Balancing Authority Area

1. A DER or VER Customer that is subject to the DERBS or VERBS rate in the ACS-14 rate schedule on October 1, 2013, that expects to dynamically transfer the output of its Generating Facility to another Balancing Authority Area on or after October 1, 2013,

must satisfy the eligibility requirements of the Dynamic Transfer Operating & Scheduling Requirements Business Practice prior to implementing the dynamic transfer.

D. Submitting a Balancing Service Election

DER Customers:

1. A DER Customer must submit Balancing Service Elections for each Generating Facility for which the Customer desires service via e-mail to their Transmission Account Executive. The following information must be included in the communication:
 - a. Name of the Generating Facility
 - b. Nameplate Generating Facility Capacity of installed generation.
 - c. For a new dispatchable resource electing to Self-Supply, state the expected effective date Self-Supply will begin. Existing DERs must elect to Self Supply balancing reserves by April 5, 2013 for the FY 2014-2015 rate period.
 - d. If electing to move a Generating Facility out of the BPA Balancing Authority Area, provide the expected effective date of the move.
 - e. If not currently interconnected to BPA's Transmission system, provide the Generator Interconnection Request Queue Number of the Generating Facility and the expected date of commercial operation.

VER Customers:

2. A VER Customer must submit Balancing Service Elections for each Generating Facility for which the Customer desires service via e-mail to their Transmission Account Executive. Please include the following information in the communication:
 - a. Name of the Generating Facility
 - b. Nameplate Generating Facility Capacity of installed generation.
 - c. The scheduling election for each Generating Facility (Committed 30/30, Committed 30/60, or Uncommitted)
 - d. For a new VERs electing to Self-Supply generation imbalance reserve capacity or all components of VERBS, state the expected effective date Self-Supply will begin. Existing VERs must elect to Self-Supply balancing reserves by April 5, 2013 for the FY 2014-2015 rate period.
 - e. If electing to move a Generating Facility out of the BPA Balancing Authority Area, provide the expected effective date of the move.
 - f. If not currently interconnected to BPA's transmission system, provide the Generator Interconnection Request Queue Number of the Generating Facility and the expected date of commercial operation.

E. Additional Information

Policy References

- BPA Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT), Attachment L (LGIA) and N (SGIA)
- BPA Ancillary and Control Area Services Rate Schedule.

Form

[Service Election](#)

Related Business Practices

- Committed Scheduling
- Self Supply of Balancing Reserves
- Dispatchable Energy Resource Balancing Service (DERBS)
- Dynamic Transfer Capability: Requesting & Awarding Access
- Dynamic Transfer Operating & Scheduling Requirements
- Failure to Comply
- Redispatch and Curtailment

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