



Contiguous Points of Delivery, Version 1

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The Contiguous Point(s) of Delivery (**POD**¹) criteria applies only to Point-to-Point (PTP) transmission service. It relates to treatment of a set of individual PODs as one contiguous POD in a PTP transmission service agreement at the request of the Transmission **Customer**². In order for Contiguous PODs to be agreed to by BPAT, the criteria spelled out below must be met. This Business Practice is applicable to all BPA Transmission Customers and offers further clarification of the BPA OATT and General rate Schedule Provisions.

A. Contiguous Points of Delivery

1. The Transmission Customer's designated contiguous points of delivery are subject to the following terms:
 - a. All PODs on the delivery side must be interconnected through a transmission or distribution system. If the Customer's system is operated normally open, the Customer and BPA will agree to an operating plan for any load shifting between /and/or/among PODs in the contiguous set to prevent adverse impacts on the reliability of the **FCRTS**³. The PODs must be significantly interconnected electrically on both high side and low side.
 - b. In the event of a credible outage, each POD within the contiguous set must be capable of providing electric backup service to any other POD of that contiguous set so that retail Customers within the load center served by the contiguous set of PODs realize no interruption in service. However, if a substation or interconnection serves two or more PODs at different voltage levels and the source is a single transmission line, the PODs may be considered contiguous if there are reasonable technical and/or historical basis for doing so.
 - c. All PODs in the set of contiguous PODs must be located on the same side of a constraint or potential constraint. Shifts in loads from one POD to another POD in the contiguous set may not adversely affect any constraint, such as those posted on BPA's Open Access Same-Time Information System (**OASIS**⁴).

¹Point of Delivery is a point on the The Transmission Provider's Transmission System where capacity and energy transmitted by the Provider will be made available to the Receiving Part; An OASIS field on a TSR that is the scheduling POD.

²Any customer taking service under Use of Facilities (UFT), Formula Power Transmission (FPT), Integration of Resources (IR), Part II or Part III of the OATT.

³Federal Columbia River Transmission System

⁴Open Access Same-Time Information System

- d. The Transmission Customer may not direct BPA Transmission Services to deliver a specific amount of demand to a specific POD within the contiguous set of PODs. BPA Transmission Services has no obligation to deliver specific amounts to the delivery points that constitute the contiguous set of PODs. BPA Transmission Services has no obligation to construct new facilities at or between PODs. BPA Transmission Services has no obligation to construct new facilities at or between PODs included in the contiguous set of PODs as long as BPA Transmission Services can deliver the combined demands to the contiguous sets of PODs
- e. All PODs within the contiguous set of PODs must be in a single Control Area; all power associated with the contiguous set of PODs must be scheduled.
- f. All PODs associated with the Southern Intertie are specifically excluded from consideration as part of a contiguous set of PODs. Big Eddy, John Day, California-Oregon Border, and Nevada-Oregon Border are independent PODs.
- g. The utility requesting contiguous PODs must be capable of receiving electric service at each of the PODs in the contiguous set. If the utility is requesting contiguous PODs to deliver to a third party, then that third party must be capable of receiving delivery at each of the PODs in the contiguous set.
- h. Where appropriate, the Customer must agree to use limits on the individual PODs included in the contiguous set of PODs.
- i. Contiguous PODs are granted for real power only. Issues associated with Reactive Power will be covered by separate procedures.
- j. These criteria shall be reviewed annually. An individual Customer's situation shall be reviewed if there are any changes in how its system is served or impacted by any transmission system conditions. BPA Transmission Services reserves the right to modify any characteristics of a Customer's contiguous POD if changes in a system warrant such modification.

B. Additional Information

Version History

Version 1	10/01/01 New business practice.
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