

Guidelines for Entering Long-Term Firm Transmission Service Requests as Part of the SPP Aggregate Transmission Service Study (ATSS)

1. It is recommended that all customers join the SPP Aggregate Studies Exploder in order to receive pertinent information regarding study postings and general announcements.
To join the exploder:
Go to <http://www.spp.org/exploder.asp>
Fill out the form with your information
Select "SPP Aggregate Studies Exploder"
2. A request for yearly service should be made in increments of one year or longer. All reservations with requested service periods in violation of the SPP OATT Business Practices will be refused.
(*SPP OATT Business Practices 1.1*)
3. Requests should be entered according to the Aggregate Study schedule. There are three open windows during a twelve month period for the Aggregate Study. The open season window will be 4 months in duration.¹ During that period, customers may make requests that start no earlier than 6 months after the close of the season. All reservations with a requested start date less than 6 months after the close of the season will be refused.

****NOTE:** On an ongoing basis and ending January 31, 2011, the Transmission Provider shall combine each subsequent pair of consecutive open seasons for analysis in one Aggregate Facility Study (AFS).

The following Aggregate Study schedule shows the two paired studies with the corresponding Open Window Start Date, Open Window Close Date and the Earliest Start Date of Requested Service. Also shown are the defined dates of the three open windows that occur yearly. As outlined in SPP OATT Attachment Z1, these dates do not change from year to year. The "*****" acts as a placeholder for the yearly input.
(*SPP OATT Attachment Z1*)

¹ The open season windows close each year on January 31, May 31 and September 30.

Aggregate Study schedule:

Aggregate Study	Open Window Start Date	Open Window Close Date	Earliest Start Date of Requested Service
2009-AGP1 (2008-AG3 and 2009-AG1)	6/1/2008	1/31/2009	8/1/2009
2009-AGP2 (2009-AG2 and 2009-AG3)	2/1/2009	9/30/2009	4/1/2010
2010-AGP1 (2010-AG1 and 2010-AG2)	10/1/2009	5/31/2010	12/1/2010
2011-AGP1 (2010-AG3 and 2011-AG1)	6/1/2010	1/31/2011	8/1/2011
2011-AG2	2/1/2011	5/31/2011	12/1/2011
2011-AG3	6/1/2011	9/30/2011	4/1/2012
****-AG1	10/1 of the previous year	1/31/****	8/1/****
****-AG2	2/1/****	5/31/****	12/1/****
****-AG3	6/1/****	9/30/****	4/1 of the following year

4. If entering a unidirectional DC Tie request, the reservation should show the true Source/Sink of the request. Comments showing the direction of flow must also be shown in the Customer Comments area of the request so that all customers may identify the direction of flow.
(SPP OATT Business Practices 1.11)

Example: Service into ERCOT
across the EROCTE tie

POR = ERCOTE
POD = ERCOTE
Source = ERCOTE-SPP
Sink = EROCTE

Example: Service into WECC
across the BLKW tie

POR = BLKW
POD = BLKW
Source = BLKW-SPP
Sink = BLK

Additionally, when entering a request for service to or from a DC Tie that is currently at 0 ATC, please identify in the comments whether the request is for competition with existing transmission customers or an expansion of the tie.

5. When entering a request for transmission service, please ensure that the Source and/or Sink is valid for the POR and/or POD requested. The POR/POD for transmission service purchased from SPP must match the Source/Sink, be an ERCOT DC Tie for an ERCOT Source/Sink, be an SPS DC Tie for a WSCC Source/Sink, or be a control area that contains the Source/Sink.

The only exception is when SPP OATT service is being combined with other SPP OATT transmission service, or service that is grandfathered with respect to the SPP

OATT. In those instances, the Transmission Customer must specify a POR and POD for the OATT service that forms a contiguous scheduling path with the other transmission service. Since the POR and POD may not match the Source and Sink (as the same control area or a system within that control area) in this case, the Transmission Customer must include comments on the request, indicating that the service is being combined with other service. If this comment is not included, the request status will be refused.

(SPP OATT Business Practices 2.2 and 2.3)

If entering a request for study of a Wind Generation resource, please include a comment in the OASIS reservation in order to process potential Base Plan Funding appropriately.

6. The results of the Aggregate Transmission Service Study (ATSS) may determine that the requested date of service will be deferred to start on a later date. If this is the case, the requested stop date of service will also be deferred to a later year in order to maintain the requested number of years. If the service being requested has a contract end date and should not be deferred past the end date requested in the OASIS reservation, please document this in the comments section on the OASIS reservation.

7. If entering a Network Service Request or a Point-to-Point Request meeting the requirements as a Designated Resource per SPP OATT Section 17.8, a new or updated Network Integration Transmission Service (NITS) application² is due with associated ownership/purchase attestation for each request at the same time the Aggregate Facility Study Agreement (AFSA)³ is executed. The executed attestation documents must meet the requirements set forth in the SPP OATT Section 29.2 viii. Provision of these documents by end of the 15 day AFSA execution window ensures that the service is being studied accurately and is needed in order to begin the aggregate study.

² The NITS application can be found in the Aggregate Studies section of the Studies page on OASIS.
<http://sppoasis.spp.org/documents/swpp/transmission/studies.cfm>

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