

Non-NOS Study Proposal

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Network Open Season Proposed Frequency

- BPA is proposing to initiate the NOS process on a 24 month frequency
 - Previous NOS process was conducted on a 12 month frequency
- Why is BPA proposing this extension?
 - Provide opportunity for more collaboration with Stakeholders and adjacent Transmission Providers
 - Pre-NOS prep:
 - Assumption development
 - Sensitivity selection/prioritization
 - Cluster Study:
 - Vetting of initial results
 - Ability to perform additional sensitivities
 - Additional time to refine plans of service and associated costs

Benefits of NOS

- **BPA Benefits:**
 - Effectively manage Transmission Queue
 - Cluster Study
 - Fundamental element of the NOS process
 - Provides comprehensive study of aggregated transmission service requests
 - Optimized plans of service
 - Efficient use of BPA Staff

- **Customer Benefits:**
 - Cluster Study funded by BPA
 - Cost effective
 - Optimized plans of service
 - Identifies other parties with similar needs
 - Results delivered in 120 days (in 2008, 2009, 2010 NOS)

Non-NOS Options

- BPA is proposing to maintain a non-NOS study process
 - Formerly known as “Opt-Out” studies (in 2009 and 2010 NOS processes)
 - Per Customer Request - Implemented to provide a System Impact Study (SIS) and System Facilities Study (SFS) outside of the NOS process
 - Studies delivered after Cluster Study
- New Non-NOS options would create a series of non-NOS “windows” that accommodate increase in NOS frequency (24 month)
 - Multiple windows preserve the benefits of the NOS process
 - Other than timing, consistent with pro-forma
 - Customer funds SIS, SFS, NEPA and secures construction

Non-NOS Windows

- Non-NOS A
 - Opens: Starts during six month NOS prep window
 - Length: Five to nine months
 - Deliverable: SIS received prior to start of NOS window
- Non-NOS B
 - Opens: Starts when “A” window closes
 - Length: Approximately five months
 - Deliverable: SIS received 60 days after conclusion of the NOS cluster study
- Non-NOS C
 - Opens: Starts when “B” window closes
 - Length: 10 months
 - Deliverable: Eight months after conclusion of the NOS cluster study (or six months after delivery of SIS for “B”)
- Repeat Non-NOS A thru C windows every 24 months, consistent with each subsequent NOS

Next Steps

- Feedback welcome. Comments can be submitted to techforum@bpa.gov.
- Future meetings on proposed NOS frequency/cycle length and Non-NOS process will be scheduled.