

NAESB Non Firm Assignment Customer Workshop

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Comparing Firm to Non Firm

Parameter	Firm PtP (SPP OATT 13.2)	Non-Firm PtP (SPP OATT 14.2)	NAESB
Term	Minimum term 1 hour. Not all TPs offer Hourly Firm	1 hour to 1 month	
Reservation Priority			
Conditionality	Conditionality specified	No comment on conditionality	NF conditional until 1 hour prior to start
Pre-confirmation	Pre-confirmed trumps non pre-confirmed	Pre-confirmed trumps non pre-confirmed	
Duration	Longer duration has higher priority	Longer duration has higher priority	
Service Class	Higher service class has priority over lower service class	Higher service class has priority over lower service class	
ROFR	Offered	Offered	WEQ-001 Table 4-3
ROFR Defender Response Time	24 Hours (subject to scheduling deadlines)	Hourly NF - Immediately	WEQ-001 Table 4-2
		Within 24 hours all others (subject to scheduling deadlines)	"lesser of (a) the Transmission Customer confirmation time limit in Business Practice Standard WEQ-001 Table 4-2 or (b) 24 hours"
Multiple Defenders	Simultaneous opportunities to match	Silent on multiple defenders, re Simultaneous match opportunities	
Partial offer subsequent to Defender match	No reference	No reference	No reference

BPA Calculates one Firm Bucket and Six Non Firm Buckets

The Non Firm Buckets are the 6 of the 7 different NERC curtailment Priorities
(BPA does not have a NERC Priority 0)

Firm

Non Firm

RATC6 – Non Firm NT (Monthly, Weekly, Daily and Hourly)

RATC5 – Non Firm Monthly PTP

RATC4 – Non Firm Weekly PTP

RATC3 – Non Firm Daily PTP

RATC2 – Non Firm Hourly PTP

RATC1 – Non Firm Secondary PTP

1. Firm takes what it needs and reduces Non Firm as it goes.
2. Non Firm NT takes what it needs from what's left of Non Firm and reduces the rest of Non Firm as it goes.
3. Non Firm Monthly takes what it needs from what's left of Non Firm and reduces the rest of Non Firm as it goes.
4. Etc.
5. Lower Tier Buckets are allowed to go negative. At 10:00 PM on day before flow, unscheduled Firm Reservations are converted to Non Firm ATC/AFC. Any buckets that remain negative will be curtailed in hour if a problem arises

NAESB WEQ-001 Table 4-3

4	Tier 3: Network Service From Non-Designated Resources	Tiers 1 and 2: All Firm (including Network).	No
5	Tier 4: All Non-Firm PTP	Tiers 1 and 2: All Firm (including Network).	No
6	Tier 4: All Non-Firm PTP	Tier 3: Network Service from Non-Designated Resources.	No
7	RESERVED		
7a	Tier 4: Pending, pre-confirmed Non-firm	Tier 4: Pre-confirmed Non-firm of higher service increment.	No
7b	Tier 4: Pending, pre-confirmed Non-firm	Tier 4: Pre-confirmed Non-firm of same service increment but of longer duration ¹	No
7c	Tier 4: Pending, pre-confirmed Non-firm	Tier 4: Pre-confirmed Non-firm of same service increment equal duration but higher price	No
7d	Tier 4: Pending, not pre-confirmed Non-firm	Tier 4: Pre-confirmed Non-firm of higher service increment.	No
7e	Tier 4: Pending, not pre-confirmed Non-firm	Tier 4: Pre-confirmed Non-firm for the same service increment and of equal or longer duration ¹	No
7f	Tier 4: Pending, not pre-confirmed Non-firm	Tier 4: Pre-confirmed Non-firm for the same service increment, equal duration but higher price	No
7g	Tier 4: Confirmed Non-firm more than one hour before start of service	Tier 4: Pre-confirmed Non-firm of higher service increment.	Yes
7h	Tier 4: Confirmed Non-firm more than one hour before start of service	Tier 4: Pre-confirmed Non-firm for the same service increment but of longer duration ¹ .	Yes

Your Thoughts?

- **What are your thoughts on Non-Firm Conditionality?**
 - The tariff states that the Unconditional Reservation Deadline applies only to Firm.
 - NAESB Standards *essentially establish Non-Firm conditionality for all service classes at 1 hour.*
- **What is the definition of “immediately” when it comes to a Defender’s time limit for responding to a challenge?**
- **Are there any other Non Firm issues to be aware of?**