

Chapter VIII

Common OASIS

[Question – Now that we are talking about a September MOI, should we change MOI to Common Northwest OASIS Agreement?]

1. Executive Summary

TIG has determined that implementation of a Common Northwest OASIS by the Northwest Transmission Providers would advance and improve the transaction of electric and transmission business by Northwest Transmission Customers. A Common Northwest OASIS would provide seamless “one-stop shopping” for Transmission Customers to purchase transmission, redirect or resell transmission, and connect new resources or loads to Northwest transmission systems. The Common Northwest OASIS would display information common to all participating Transmission Providers (e.g., business practices). It would also provide individual Transmission Providers the ability to maintain their individual tariffs and business practices in a provider-specific area.

TIG proposes that Northwest Transmission Providers establish a Common Northwest OASIS through a Memorandum of Intent (OASIS MOI). In the OASIS MOI, the Transmission Providers would specify a process through which, within the framework of the following proposal, they would identify and implement OASIS features and attributes that improve the transaction of electric and transmission business in the Northwest. The OASIS MOI would acknowledge and accommodate the Transmission Providers’ first priority to be compliance with applicable standards while establishing the Common Northwest OASIS. In addition, the OASIS MOI would preserve the Transmission Providers’ existing decision-making authority over their individual tariffs. The OASIS MOI would also:

- a. Establish a process and time frame for the Transmission Providers, along with the Transmission Customers, to accomplish the following:
 - i. Provide transmission services with common attributes;
 - ii. Develop common tariff terms and conditions to be implemented through each Transmission Provider’s tariff;
 - iii. Develop a common queue for requests for connection of new resources or loads; and
 - iv. Implement a flow-based model for determining ATC.
- b. Specify how the Transmission Providers would fund and implement those common OASIS features and transmission service attributes that are agreed upon.

- c. Commit the Transmission Providers to contract with a vendor for Common Northwest OASIS service (as discussed below, the proposal recommends that this be accomplished through the existing Common Western OASIS platform).
- d. Encourage the Transmission Providers to participate in the development of common west-wide features through the Common Western OASIS.

The Transmission Providers would continue to provide service to their Transmission Customers under their tariffs and contracts. As the Transmission Providers agree to implement common products, attributes, and business practices, these new services would be included in the common portion of the Common Northwest OASIS.

2. Current Status

A FERC-jurisdictional Transmission Provider is required to maintain and operate an OASIS that is compliant with FERC OASIS conduct and business practices standards, while non-FERC-jurisdictional Transmission Providers may elect to operate an OASIS.

Currently, Avista, Portland General Electric, Puget Sound Energy, Idaho Power, Northwestern, and BCTC participate in the westTTrans Common Western OASIS. Each westTTrans Transmission Provider maintains its own OASIS information on this shared OASIS platform. To the extent that westTTrans Transmission Providers have common OASIS provisions (e.g., business practices), the provisions are displayed in the common area of the shared platform. The westTTrans Transmission Providers are already making improvements in their OASIS process; indeed, many of the recommendations detailed below are being actively developed. This proposal would ensure that Northwest Common OASIS improvements continue to be developed.

BPA and BCTC are currently the only non-FERC-jurisdictional Northwest Transmission Providers that maintain an OASIS. BPA maintains its own OASIS, and BCTC is in the process of joining the westTTrans platform. BPA is currently evaluating improvements to its OASIS processes through its Commercial Business Process Improvement Process.

3. Proposed Improvements/Functions

a. Goals

Implementation of the TIG Common Northwest OASIS proposal would:

- 1) Provide Transmission Customers the ability to purchase transmission services from multiple Transmission Providers at the same time and in the same place.

- 2) Provide Transmission Customers with the ability to see and choose from transmission products of multiple Transmission Providers and from Transmission Customers that are selling unused transmission rights.
- 3) Allow Transmission Providers to more easily manage sales of transmission products and track redirect and resale activities of their Transmission Customers.
- 4) Provide for fuller use of the Northwest transmission system.

b. Features of the TIG Common OASIS

TIG proposes that the Transmission Providers accomplish the following improvements within the specified time frame.¹ Within six months after execution of the OASIS MOI, the Transmission Providers would contract with the OASIS vendor to develop and implement a Common Northwest OASIS platform. Transmission Providers intend to accomplish “short-term improvements” no later than six months after the execution of the OASIS MOI and “near-term improvements” within six months to two years after that date. Improvements would be made subsequent to these as they are identified and the Transmission Providers agree to make them.

1) Common Attributes of Transmission Products and Services

a. Short-Term Improvements

- i. Transmission Providers would develop common ATC methodologies and common tariff terms and conditions.
- ii. Transmission Providers and Transmission Customers would propose changes to the OASIS functions to permit the use of flow-based, uniform ATC calculations and congestion management.

b. Near-Term Improvements

- i. Transmission Providers would develop and market commonly defined transmission products and services.
- ii. Transmission Providers would develop and implement a Northwest flow-based ATC methodology.

2) Common Tariff Terms and Conditions

a. Short-Term Improvements

¹ The list of Transmission Provider and Transmission Customer needs with respect to a Common Northwest OASIS follows in Subchapter VIII-B.

- i. Transmission Providers would identify items that are common (e.g., business practices), negotiate specifics, and post common items in the common area of the Common Northwest OASIS.
- ii. Transmission Providers would post contact information in the common area of the Common Northwest OASIS.
- iii. Transmission Providers would post creditworthiness criteria.

b. Near-Term Improvements

- i. Transmission Providers would develop common tariff provisions to implement commonly defined Northwest transmission products and services in each Transmission Provider's tariff.

3) Common Posting and Organization of Information

a. Short-Term Improvements

- i. Transmission Customers would be able to view individual business practices of multiple Transmission Providers in a single location.
- ii. Transmission Providers would develop proposals to improve user access to transmission information (e.g., transmission availability, POR/POD naming).
- iii. Transmission Providers would post scheduled transmission maintenance information for the Northwest system.

b. Near-Term Improvements

- i. Transmission Providers would adopt enhancements that provide an opportunity for Transmission Customers to more easily access transmission and power markets in other sub-regions in the Western Interconnection.
- ii. Transmission Providers would improve the display of the Northwest transmission system, including maps that are user-friendly and provide local details via zooming.
- iii. Transmission Providers would offer improved training opportunities for Transmission Customers, such as workshops and on-line tutorials.

4) Common Queue Information and Management *[waiting for BPA comments on this section]*

a. Short-Term Improvements

- i. Transmission Providers would develop and implement common posting of information relating to interconnection and transmission service requests, including notices, business practices, and other related activities.
- ii. Transmission Providers would develop centralized administration and management of their Common OASIS business functions.
- iii. Transmission Customers would have access to organized information.

b. Near-Term Improvements

- i. Transmission Providers would continue to develop and implement improvements for administration and governance.
- ii. Transmission Providers would develop and implement a “Single Common Queue” for interconnection and transmission requests in support of the NTP processes for sequencing of studies and award of transmission rights.
- iii. Transmission Providers would develop and implement centralized administration and management of the Common OASIS business functions.

4. Organization/Contractual Form(s) Required to Implement Proposal

The OASIS MOI would include the following framework. (Subchapter VIII-A contains the outline of the proposed OASIS MOI).

- a. The OASIS MOI among Transmission Providers would establish a means by which Transmission Providers (with input from Transmission Customers) could develop and implement the Common Northwest OASIS.
 - i. A committee structure, consisting of a technical Common Northwest OASIS Committee and a customer committee, would be established.²
 - ii. Transmission Providers would use the Common Northwest OASIS Committee forum to identify, discuss, and jointly develop features and administrative activities and to determine cost allocation of the resultant expenses.
 - iii. Transmission Providers would retain sole decision-making authority with respect to the portion of the Common Northwest OASIS relating solely to their systems.
 - iv. If one Transmission Provider (or a small group of Transmission Providers) desires to have a feature unique to its OASIS

² The TIG Coordinating Committee would provide policy guidance as needed by the Common Northwest OASIS Committee.

- operation, it may work individually with the OASIS vendor to have the feature developed.
- b. Implementation of common Northwest functions
 - i. Common Northwest OASIS Committees would provide guidance.
 - ii. The OASIS service provider (vendor) would implement common software functions and administer OASIS.
 - c. Tariff changes required, if any
 - i. Initial improvements would not require tariff amendments.
 - ii. As Transmission Providers develop common products and services, Transmission Providers may need to make corresponding changes their to individual tariffs. In addition, some business practices may require tariff revisions.
 - iii. Some options for use of a flow-based ATC methodology by Northwest Transmission Providers may require the filing of a joint regional tariff for sales that cross system boundaries. (An example of similar tariff is the MAPP joint tariff).
 - d. Governance, decision-making, and dispute resolution
 - i. Each Transmission Provider would have one vote.
 - ii. The Common Northwest OASIS Committee would have authority to make some decisions regarding software and hardware improvements that do not require an amendment of individual Transmission Provider tariffs. In such instances, the Common Northwest OASIS Committee could commit all Transmission Providers to pay the OASIS service provider for improvements, up to an aggregate of “X” dollars per year, upon an affirmative vote of all but one of Common Northwest OASIS Committee members.
 - iii. A unanimous vote would be required for expenditures beyond the “X”-dollar ceiling.
 - e. Roles of signatory/non-signatory parties
 - i. Signatory parties would be decision-makers.
 - ii. Non-signatory parties would have input via the Customer Committee, which also would provide the opportunity for regional input and accountability.
 - f. Due to cost, efficiency, and timing considerations, the Northwest Transmission Providers should first consider using the Common Western OASIS platform for the implementation of the Common Northwest OASIS. As described below in Subsection 5, using this platform would allow coordination with other Transmission Providers in the Western Interconnection without additional cost.
 - g. Dispute resolution
 - i. If the Common Northwest OASIS Committee were to reach an impasse, the first avenue for dispute resolution would be a

discussion in the TIG Coordinating Committee's Executive Committee.

- ii. Failing resolution by the TIG Coordinating Committee's Executive Committee, the Transmission Providers would have access to more formal non-binding dispute resolution.

5. Opportunity to Participate in Common Western Interconnection OASIS

The OASIS MOI would give the Northwest Transmission Providers an expanded opportunity to provide one-stop shopping across the Western Interconnection by participating in the westTTrans Common OASIS. TIG's proposal for this approach should not be viewed as an endorsement for a West-wide RTO.

6. Linkages to Other Charter Areas

- Development of a common queue would require coordination with the Planning and Expansion Committee.
- Input regarding the flow-based ATC calculator would be provided by the Flow-Based ATC Committee (although that committee could be a subcommittee of the Common Northwest OASIS Committee). The mechanics of posting would be left to Common Northwest OASIS Committee.
- Central administration and implementation would be enhanced through a link to the Independent Market Monitor to get its recommendations regarding improving Transmission Customer access and the ability to transact business across multiple Transmission Providers.

7. Benefits

- FERC-jurisdictional Transmission Providers are required to have an OASIS. It would be more cost-effective for Transmission Providers either to collectively own and operate a single OASIS, or to contract in a coordinated manner with an OASIS service provider to provide OASIS service. This proposal recommends the latter.
- It may be cost-effective for a non-FERC-jurisdictional entity to sell transmission via an OASIS, and this proposal provides for such participation.
- Transmission Customers would have the potential to increase their electric business volume because common OASIS would provide easier and quicker access to transmission services from more than one Transmission provider at a time.

8. Costs and Funding

- Costs would include OASIS initialization and monthly services fees with the vendor and customer-side interfaces as necessary to integrate OASIS into their scheduling and other activities. The latter would vary widely, depending on pre-existing contracts with the vendor and the complexity of integration required. It is anticipated that the cost of developing and implementing the proposed Common Northwest OASIS features and improvements would be no more than \$500,000. Individual Transmission Providers would be responsible for their individual OASIS costs.
- Transmission Providers would fund their prorated share of the establishment of the Common Northwest OASIS enhancements and the full cost of individual enhancements. Where a customer(s) desires an interface enhancement or front-end OASIS application that can be justified to the Transmission Provider's regulator as appropriate for inclusion in transmission rates, the customer(s) may opt to fund the improvement.

9. Legal Issues and Their Potential Resolution

- Federal and state jurisdiction – Under the proposal, each investor-owned utility remains directly responsible to FERC for its compliance with FERC rules regarding the maintenance and features of its OASIS. The TIG has concluded that non-jurisdictional utilities may participate in the OASIS proposal without expanding FERC's jurisdiction over their activities or transmission sales. Some features may require changes to the tariffs of individual utilities and that each jurisdictional utility would file its tariff changes with FERC. Non-jurisdictional utilities may file those tariff changes if they wish to have FERC review the tariff changes for purposes of reciprocity. If the Transmission Providers determine in the future that a joint tariff is desirable to implement common transmission products or services, including offering transmission utilizing a flow-based ATC methodology, the joint tariff would be filed only on behalf of the jurisdictional utilities.
- Liability – FERC has indicated that compliance with its rules regarding OASIS is a non-delegable duty. Thus, each jurisdictional Transmission Provider will remain responsible for compliance and will not be bound to take any action that it deems to violate or potentially violate FERC's requirements. Each Transmission Provider will retain final decision-making authority over its actions with regard to compliance. Other liability issues between each Transmission Provider and the vendor will be addressed in the contracts between those parties.

- Principles for the OASIS MOI are found in Subsection VIII-A.

10. Discussion of “Seams” Issues

The wesTTrans Common Western OASIS is by its very nature a seams-resolution forum. There are negotiations currently underway with the CAISO regarding the use of wesTTrans by its transmission rights holders. To the extent Transmission Customers want to schedule across the WECC, it is in their interest to have a single OASIS for WECC transactions.

- Potential seams issues (new or existing) - see above
- Interaction with CAISO, if necessary - see above
- Interaction with other entities or organizations within the WECC - see above

Subchapter VIII-A

Common Northwest OASIS Memorandum of Intent Principles

DRAFT – NOT AN OFFER OR PROPOSAL

**DRAFT PRINCIPLES FOR A COMMON NORTHWEST
OASIS MEMORANDUM OF INTENT AND AGREEMENT TO FUND
AMONG TRANSMISSION PROVIDERS**

1. Execution by Transmission Providers. This Memorandum of Intent (OASIS MOI) would be signed by Northwest Transmission Providers selling transmission services on an Open Access Same-time Information System (OASIS). The purpose of the MOI would be to coordinate the activities of Transmission Providers in regard to OASIS and to participate in a Common Northwest OASIS.

2. Purposes. Transmission Providers wish to identify and implement OASIS features and attributes that improve the transaction of electric and transmission business in the Northwest. Transmission Providers acknowledge that a Common Northwest OASIS could benefit both Transmission Providers and Transmission Customers by:

2.1. Providing Transmission Customers the ability to purchase transmission from multiple Transmission Providers at the same time and in the same place as necessary to move energy seamlessly from one point on the Northwestern transmission system to another;

2.2. Providing Transmission Customers with greater visibility regarding transmission product offerings including resale of other Transmission Customers' transmission rights;

2.3. Allowing Transmission Providers to more easily manage transmission access and track redirect and resale activities of their Transmission Customers; and

2.4. Providing for better use of the Northwest transmission system.

3. Compliance with Non-Delegable Duty. The Transmission Providers understand that each individually must comply with applicable FERC orders and regulations regarding the content and capabilities of OASIS sites. The Transmission Providers intend that each Transmission Provider will not need the permission of the other Transmission Providers in order to take the actions it deems to be needed to maintain compliance.

4. Overview of Intended Proposals. The Transmission Providers intend to develop and implement proposals to:

- 4.1. Provide transmission services with common attributes;
- 4.2. Develop common tariff terms and conditions;
- 4.3. Develop a common queue for requests for connection of new resources or loads; and
- 4.4. Implement a flow-based model for determining available transmission capacity.

Each Transmission Provider would continue to provide service to its Transmission Customers pursuant to their current contract rights. While initially the Transmission Providers would operate under the terms and conditions of their individual transmission tariffs and business practices, the Transmission Providers intend to implement common products, product attributes, and business practices, and intend that these products, attributes and practices would be included in the common area of the Common Northwest OASIS.

5. Common Northwest OASIS. Transmission Providers intend to develop jointly a Common Northwest OASIS through this OASIS MOI. Due to cost, efficiency, and time considerations the Transmission Providers will first consider using the existing Common Western OASIS platform.

6. Common Northwest OASIS Committee and Customer Committee.

6.1. The committees established pursuant to this Section 6 are intended to provide a forum for Transmission Providers and persons that use the Common Northwest OASIS in which they may discuss means of improving the OASIS; *provided, however*, that no communications in any of the Committees set forth in this Section 6. are intended to or may violate FERC Standards of Conduct or other applicable regulations or orders.

6.2. Common Northwest OASIS Committee.

6.2.1. Each Transmission Provider shall have a seat on the Common Northwest OASIS Committee. Each Transmission Provider shall designate a representative and an alternative and shall communicate the names of and contact information for those persons to all other Transmission Providers. The Common Northwest OASIS Committee shall select a Chair and Vice-Chair. The Chair and Vice Chair of the Customer Committee be non-voting members of the Common Northwest OASIS Committee.

6.2.2. The Common Northwest OASIS Committee shall make decisions by voting. Each Transmission Provider shall have one vote.

6.2.3. The Common Northwest OASIS Committee will: develop proposals for the improvements, functions, and features set forth in Section _____ of this OASIS MOI and additional improvements agreed to by the Common Northwest OASIS Committee; develop or solicit cost estimates for such proposals; perform system testing; approve annually a budget for development of such improvements and for funding other activities pursuant to this OASIS MOI; establish annually the cost ceiling for improvements made pursuant to Section _____ of this OASIS MOI; and, within that ceiling and pursuant to Section _____ of this OASIS MOI, commit Transmission Providers to pay the vendor for improvements made to the Common Northwest OASIS; provide customer training jointly with the Customer Committee; consider proposals for improvements, functions, and features from the Customer Committee and discuss such proposals with the Customer Committee; be a forum for resolution of issues between and among Transmission Providers regarding OASIS matters; and communicate to the Transmission Providers proposals and other information developed pursuant to this Section 6.

6.2.4. Voting by the Common Northwest OASIS Committee.

6.2.4.1. The **Common Northwest OASIS** Committee may vote to decide to pay an OASIS services vendor for improvements to the Common Northwest OASIS.

6.2.4.1.1. If the proposed improvement relates to OASIS-system improvements regarding functions agreed upon by the Transmission Providers, the total expenditure to be paid to the vendor, when added to the other amounts to be paid to the vendor for improvements to the Common Northwest OASIS, *would not exceed* an aggregate annual cost ceiling for improvements, established pursuant to Section 6.2.3. of this Agreement, then each Transmission Provider will bound to pay its share of the costs of such agreed-to improvement only if the vote of the Executive Committee in favor of such improvement was unanimous but for one negative vote.

6.2.4.1.2. If the total expenditure to be paid to the vendor, when added to the other amounts to be paid to the vendor for improvements to the Common Northwest OASIS, *would exceed* an aggregate annual cost ceiling for improvements, established pursuant to Section 6.2.3. of this Agreement, then each Transmission Provider will bound to pay its share of the costs of such agreed-to improvement only if the vote of the Executive Committee in favor of such improvement was unanimous.

6.2.4.2. Notwithstanding this Section 6.2.4, the Common Northwest OASIS Committee will implement a proposed improvement to the Common Northwest OASIS that is requested by a Transmission Customer and made through the Technical Committee and that will be fully funded by the Transmission Customer unless the implementation of that proposal would negatively impact the ability of the Transmission Providers to comply with FERC OASIS requirements or impose costs on a Transmission Provider for which it cannot reasonably be compensated in full.

6.2.4.3. For all other matters (*e.g.*, requesting a cost estimate from the vendor for a proposed improvement) on which the Common Northwest OASIS Committee votes, a simple majority will constitute a decision; *provided, however*, that with the exception of decisions made pursuant to Sections 6.2.4.1.1, 6.4.2.1.2 and 6.2.4.2, and notwithstanding any other provision of this OASIS MOI, all decisions shall constitute recommendations to each Transmission Provider and shall not be binding on it.

6.3. Customer Committee.

6.3.1. Any Interested Entity would be eligible to participate in the Customer Committee. An Interested Entity is any person eligible to purchase transmission services pursuant to the Federal Power Act, any organization representing Transmission Customers, any public interest group representing electricity customers, and any State and any of its subdivisions. Each Interested Entity and its representatives would be expected to agree to and follow meeting procedures. Each Interested Entity shall designate a representative and an alternate to the Customer Committee and shall communicate the names of and contact information for those persons to each member of the Customer Committee. The Customer Committee shall select a Chair and Vice-Chair.

6.3.2. The Customer Committee shall make decisions by voting. Each Interested Entity shall have one vote.

6.3.3. The Customer Committee will coordinate Transmission Customer concerns, needs, proposals, requests for improvements, and comments on matters concerning the Common Northwest OASIS and Transmission Providers' OASIS sites; develop and coordinate customer training jointly with the Common Northwest OASIS Committee; and provide a forum for discussion and resolution of Transmission Customer issues pertaining to the Common Northwest OASIS and Transmission Providers' OASIS sites.

7. Identifying and Developing Features of Common Northwest OASIS. Through the committees created in Section 6. of this Agreement, the Transmission Providers agree to develop and implement improvements as follows:

7.1. Immediate-Term Improvements. Within six months of execution of this OASIS MOI, Transmission Providers intend to:

7.1.1. Provide an interface for flow-based or other agreed-upon ATC calculator and post ATC determined by that calculator.

7.1.2. Develop and implement a proposal for a common ATC calculator to be used until a flow-based ATC calculator is ready for implementation.

7.1.3. Create an inventory of OATT provisions and business practices that are common among the Transmission Providers and post that inventory.

7.1.4. Post each Transmission Provider's creditworthiness criteria in the common area of the Common Northwest OASIS.

7.1.5. Post each Transmission Provider's contact information in the common area of the Common Northwest OASIS.

7.1.6. Post each Transmission Provider's business practices in a single location on the Northwest Common OASIS.

7.1.7. Develop proposals to improve OASIS users' access to transmission information (e.g., transmission capacity availability, POR/POD naming).

7.1.8. Develop and implement a method for posting each Transmission Provider's scheduled transmission maintenance outage information for the Northwest system.

7.1.9. Develop and implement a standardized format to permit posting of information relating to interconnection and transmission service requests, including notices, business practices, and other related activities.

7.1.10. Develop a proposal for centralized administration and management of Transmission Providers' Common OASIS business functions.

7.1.11. Provide better organized information to Transmission Customers.

7.2. Near-Term Improvements. During the 18-month period commencing six months after execution of this OASIS MOI, Transmission Providers intend to:

7.2.1. Develop and implement common definitions of transmission products and services offered by Transmission Providers.

7.2.2. Develop and implement a flow-based ATC calculation methodology for ATC on all Transmission Providers' transmission systems.

7.2.3. Develop a joint OATT to offer Northwest flow-based transmission products and services.

7.2.4. Adopt enhancements to the Common Northwest OASIS that provide opportunities for Transmission Customers to access transmission and power markets in other sub regions in the Western Interconnection more easily.

7.2.5. Improve the display of the Northwest transmission system, including maps that are user-friendly and provide local details via zooming.

7.2.6. Improve training for Transmission Customers in the use of the Common Northwest OASIS.

7.2.7. Continue to develop and implement improvements to the administration and governance of the Common Northwest OASIS.

7.2.8. Develop and implement a "Single Common Queue" for interconnection and transmission service requests in support of the Northwest Transmission Planning processes and to sequence studies and award of transmission rights.

7.2.9. Develop and implement centralized administration and management of the Common Northwest OASIS business functions.

8. OATT Changes. Improvements, functions, and features proposed pursuant to this OASIS MOI for implementation in the Immediate-Term will not require a change to any Transmission Provider's OATT. If a change to a Transmission Provider's OATT is required in order to implement any other improvement, function, or feature proposed pursuant to this OASIS MOI, then each Transmission Provider expressly reserves solely to itself the decision of whether to seek such change in its OATT.

9. Funding. Each Transmission Provider will bear its pro rata share of payment due to the vendor. In addition, each Transmission Provider shall pay its share of the total annual costs incurred by the committees established in this OASIS MOI (i.e., meeting rooms). Each Transmission Provider's share will be determined In all other respects, each Transmission Provider shall bear its own costs for participation in this OASIS MOI and the committees this OASIS MOI establishes.

10. Dispute Resolution. All disputes pursuant to or arising out of this Agreement will be subject to the processes set forth in this Section Y. Each Transmission Provider will participate in these processes if they are invoked.

10.1. If the OASIS Committee reaches an impasse, a Transmission Provider may refer the impasse to the TIG Coordinating Committee for discussion and mediation. No Transmission Provider may invoke non-binding arbitration pursuant to Section Y.2 of Agreement unless the matter is first referred to the TIG Coordinating Committee.

10.2. If no resolution is reached through efforts of the TIG Coordinating Committee, a Transmission Provider may invoke non-binding arbitration with the other Transmission Providers.

11. No third party beneficiaries.

12. Effective Date, Term, Termination and Withdrawal.

12.1. Effective Date. For each Party, the Effective Date of the Agreement shall be the date on which such Party and _____ other Parties execute or have executed the Agreement.

12.2. Term. The Term of the Agreement shall be a period of ____ years commencing on the date on which the Agreement becomes effective for any Party.

12.3. Termination.

12.3.1. Termination the Agreement for a Party in default of its obligations to pay.

12.3.3. If, due to terminations and withdrawals pursuant to this section 12, [[the following condition occurs – i.e., only BPA and a non-contiguous utility are left]] this OASIS MOI shall terminate as to all remaining Transmission Providers.

12. 4. Withdrawal. A Transmission Provider may withdraw from this Agreement on _____ months/years notice to each other Transmission Provider, provided, however, that such Transmission Provider's obligations to pay money to any vendor or Transmission Provider shall survive termination of this OASIS MOI.

Subchapter VIII-B Common Northwest OASIS Needs

Customer Needs

- Consistent posting of individual Transmission Provider business practices
- Development and adoption of common business practices among Transmission Providers
- Common queue – improve Transmission Customers’ access to information relating to interconnection and long-term transmission requests that are being studied, including current status
- One-stop shopping for Transmission Service Requests
 - Buy transmission across the WECC regardless of Transmission Provider or regional differences, (i.e., WestConnect/CAISO/Northwest)
- Common posting of ATC methodologies by all Transmission Providers
- Development of a uniform regional ATC calculation (flow-based)
- Development of tutorials, description of PORs/PODs, and help files that aid the Transmission Customers’ use of OASIS
- Improvement of user interface to eliminate difficulty in requesting transmission and reviewing status of requests
- Improve efficiency and speed of Transmission Providers’ processing of Transmission Customer requests

Transmission Provider Needs

- Meet OASIS business practice standards and requirements
- Transmission Service Request processing
- Tracking of redirect and resale of Transmission Service Requests
- Reconciliation of e-tags to Transmission Service Requests
- Common queue posting and administration
- Development of common transmission products and services among the Transmission Providers
- Development of common business practices among the Transmission Providers
- Development of applications to support calculation and posting of common flow-based ATC
- Effective management of OASIS functions, including processing of Transmission Service Requests, interconnection requests, and back office administration for credit, contracting, and billing
- All communications between Transmission Providers and Transmission Customers would be via OASIS

Subchapter VIII-C

Governance/Structure Alternatives

1. wesTTrans, initially under current administration and governance
2. wesTTrans, with improved administration and governance
3. Multilateral agreement (e.g., WSPP agreement) or a new entity
4. New separate “NWTTrans,” with new contracts for administration and governance with a NWPP/PNSC, etc. entity
5. Hybrid organization with components for both WECC-wide OASIS and Northwest specific functions and features

Subchapter VIII-D

wesTTrans Alternative

- *[Enhanced Option]* Common Western OASIS - Governance
 - Each Transmission Provider would contract with the OASIS service provider for Common Western OASIS service.
 - Each Transmission Provider would have a representative to the Common Western OASIS executive and technical committees to participate in the development of the WECC OASIS platform (a/k/a Common Western OASIS) and the Common Northwest OASIS Committee would provide an opportunity for Northwest Transmission Providers to advance unified Northwest positions at these committees.
 - The Executive Committee (EC) would propose changes to the Common Western OASIS, approve proposals to changes, and commit the participants to pay for EC-approved enhancements.
 - The Technical Committee (TechC) would coordinate the implementation of Common Western OASIS compliance, practices, and features and propose enhancements to the EC.
 - Northwest Transmission Customers could also participate in the Common Western OASIS Users Focus Group to propose customer features and enhancements to the EC and TechC.
- *[Tariff Changes]* As Transmission Providers agree to Common Western OASIS improvements, there would be a need to evaluate whether tariff changes are required.
- *[Decision-Making]* Each entity would have one vote. The EC would be able to commit all Transmission Providers to pay the OASIS service provider for improvements (up to an aggregate of \$200,000 per year) upon a 90 percent vote of EC members. A unanimous vote would be required for expenditures beyond the \$200,000 ceiling.
 - Description of decision-making process* (see above)
 - Roles of signatory/non-signatory parties*
 - Signatory parties would be decision-makers
 - Non-signatory parties would have input via the wesTTrans Users Focus Group
- *[Dispute Resolution]* WesTTrans: Committee structure; no formal dispute resolution