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Board of Directors

OASIS Functional
Agreement



Goals

- Better facilitate transmission customer (“TC”) access and choices across participating systems (“OASIS Transmission Providers”)
- Develop seamless “one-stop shopping” for TCs to purchase transmission, redirect or resell transmission, and request interconnections, for new resources or loads, to Northwest transmission systems



Goals

- Provide a common OASIS portal for TC purchase of transmission service from multiple OASIS Transmission Providers at the same time and in the same place
- Support a secondary transmission market where TCs would have access to information to sell and buy unneeded transmission rights
- Develop common queues for interconnection requests and transmission service requests for all OASIS Transmission Providers
- Develop common ATC methodology, practices, and protocol



Goals

- Facilitate OASIS Transmission Provider compliance with applicable FERC standards
 - Initially, OASIS Transmission Providers continue managing sales of transmission products
 - ColumbiaGrid would provide mechanism to post redirect and resale activities of TCs
 - ColumbiaGrid could implement/administer individual OASIS Transmission Provider OATT and OASIS pursuant to separate functional agreements
 - Ultimately, ColumbiaGrid could manage sales of transmission products on behalf of OASIS Transmission Providers



Goals

- Preserve individual OASIS Transmission Provider decision-making authority over its individual tariff
- Ultimately, could merge individual OASIS Transmission Provider OASIS portals into the ColumbiaGrid OASIS portal



ColumbiaGrid OASIS

- Develop, implement, and administer single ColumbiaGrid OASIS portal which would
 - Display information common to all OASIS Transmission Providers
 - Offer one-stop shopping through “Dealmaker” capability



ColumbiaGrid OASIS

- Allow individual OASIS Transmission Providers to maintain their individual OASIS, tariffs, and business practices in a provider-specific portal
- Develop eventual transfer to ColumbiaGrid of responsibility for sales of transmission products (whether as agent of OASIS Transmission Providers or as a Transmission Service Provider)



ColumbiaGrid OASIS

- Allow coordination for (i) transmission owners that are not OASIS Transmission Providers and (ii) TCs to post relevant information
- Commit ColumbiaGrid to coordinate with the OASIS Transmission Providers and the vendor (e.g., share data, develop common protocol, etc.)



ColumbiaGrid OASIS

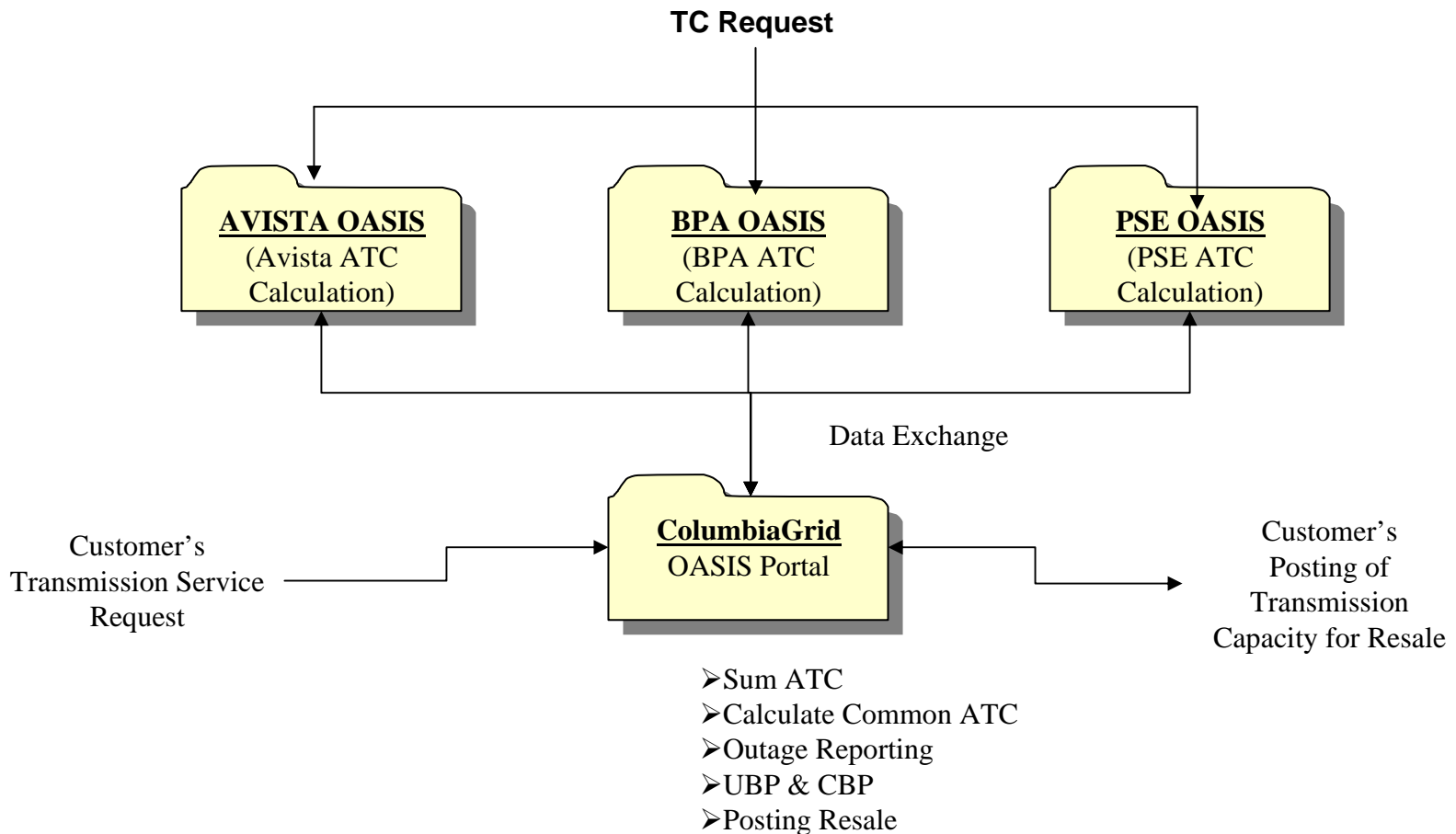
- To the maximum extent practicable, design ColumbiaGrid to act as an agent of the OASIS Transmission Providers
- Encourage OASIS Transmission Providers to develop common West-wide features and practices with the wesTTrans OASIS members



Common Queues

- Develop and implement common queues for transmission service and interconnection requests

Common Queue





Common ATC Methodology

- Develop and implement common ATC methodology in stages
 - NAEB/NERC process
 - ColumbiaGrid process



Evolving Role of ColumbiaGrid

- Evaluate options for evolving role of ColumbiaGrid, possibilities include:
 - Administer regional tariffs/sell regional products on behalf of OASIS Transmission Providers
 - ColumbiaGrid as OASIS Transmission Provider



Responsibilities of ColumbiaGrid

- OASIS
 - Establish and administer ColumbiaGrid portal
 - Coordinate OASIS Transmission Providers involvement in wesTTrans for purposes identifying enhancements
 - To extent modifications are to be made only to ColumbiaGrid OASIS and OASIS Transmission Provider parties OASIS, manage relationship with OATi to implement enhancements developed in the ColumbiaGrid process
 - Develop common queues for interconnection requests and transmission service requests



Responsibilities of TPs

- Cooperate with ColumbiaGrid in accessing common OASIS Transmission Provider information by ColumbiaGrid portal
- Back-end processing of transmission service requests relating to their transmission systems (request would be submitted to ColumbiaGrid OASIS; software would notify OASIS Transmission Providers of requests (simultaneously or in very short order))
- Develop and support implementation of common queues and common ATC methodology



Responsibilities of Other OASIS Parties

- Develop and support implementation of common queues and common ATC methodology



What has Changed Recently?

- Removed uniform business practices as separate process
 - Will occur as part of and limited by requirements of other OASIS Processes
- Changed fundamental approach to staffing requirements and funding estimates
 - More reliance on OASIS Parties to staff development work from their own staff of expertise
- Drafting illustrative appendix with more specifics regarding phase-in and content of common queues and ATC methodology



Timing

- September, 2007 - Final Draft of OASIS Functional Agreement released for public review and comment
- November, 2007 - OASIS Functional Agreement offered for signature
- January, 2008 - OASIS Functional Agreement becomes effective