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# Availability

This Tariff is available to eligible Transmission Service Customers for Wholesale Transmission Service through the transmission system of the City of Austin d.b.a. Austin Energy, Texas (Austin Energy), at all points where transmission facilities of adequate capacity and suitable voltage are available to provide service, in accordance with 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §§ 25.191-203 ("Transmission Rules").

# Application

Applicable only to wholesale transactions involving the wholesale purchase of electric power and energy. This tariff for Wholesale Transmission Service is applicable to Transmission Service using any transmission facilities owned by Austin Energy in accordance with the Transmission Rules. Other electric service requirements supplied by Austin Energy, if any, shall be separately metered and billed in accordance with applicable rate schedules. This tariff does not provide for any purchase of energy and/or generation capacity from Austin Energy.

#### **Type of Service**

Three phase, 60 hertz alternating current, delivered onto or received from Austin Energy's transmission system at 60,000 volts or greater and on transmission facilities that have been prepared and made available for this service.

#### **Transmission Service Requirements**

As a condition to obtaining wholesale Transmission Service, the Transmission Service Customer shall comply with all requirements for initiating Transmission Service in accordance with the Transmission Rules, including the execution of an Interconnection Agreement with each Transmission Service Provider, and the Transmission Service Customer shall meet all Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) requirements as specified in the ERCOT Protocols and Operating Guide.

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# **Conditions Precedent for Receiving Service**

Subject to the terms and conditions hereof and of the Transmission Rules, Austin Energy will provide wholesale Transmission Service to any eligible Transmission Service Customer, provided that:

- a) The eligible Transmission Service Customer has completed an Application for Transmission Service, as provided under the Transmission Rules;
- b) The eligible Transmission Service Customer and Austin Energy, or a third party, have completed installation of all equipment specified under the Interconnection Agreement, consistent with North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) and ERCOT guidelines as set forth in the Transmission Rules;
- c) The eligible Transmission Service Customer has executed an Interconnection Agreement for service under this tariff or, if necessary, requested in writing that Austin Energy file a proposed unexecuted agreement with the Commission;
- d) The eligible Transmission Service Customer has arranged for Ancillary Services necessary for the transaction;
- e) Each wholesale load for which wholesale Transmission Service is requested maintains a power factor of 95% or greater at each point of interconnection;
- f) The Transmission Service Customer has constructed, maintains and operates the facilities on its side of each point of interconnection that are necessary to reliably interconnect and deliver power from a resource to Austin Energy's transmission system and from Austin Energy's transmission system to the Transmission Service Customer's loads; and
- g) To the extent the Transmission Service Customer requires the addition of facilities or upgrades to the transmission system, such facilities have been placed in service.

#### **Application Procedures**

Austin Energy and the Transmission Service Customer shall comply with the application procedures for Transmission Services set forth in the Transmission Rules, which shall govern such procedures.

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# **Construction of New Facilities**

Construction of new facilities needed to accommodate a request for Transmission Service shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Transmission Rules. Upon receipt of a request for Transmission Service, ERCOT shall, if necessary, perform a System Security Study in accordance with the Transmission Rules. Based on the results of the System Security Study, Austin Energy also may perform a Facilities Study, in accordance with the Transmission Rules. An executed Facilities Study agreement with the Transmission Service Customer is required prior to Austin Energy performing a Facilities Study. In the event that existing facilities are inadequate to support the request for Transmission Service, Austin Energy may require the Transmission Service Customer to provide a contribution in aid of construction attributable to directly assigned facilities.

# Load Shedding and Curtailment

Transmission Service hereunder shall be subject to, and Austin Energy and the Transmission Service Customer shall comply with, the load shedding and curtailment procedures established under the Transmission Rules. Any interruption shall be based on operational factors and shall not accord a higher priority to Austin Energy retail customers than to its customer taking Transmission Service. Service to all customers shall be restored as quickly as possible.

#### Pricing for Transmission Service within ERCOT

Charges for Transmission Service hereunder shall be in accordance with Texas Utility Code § 35.004(d). For Transmission Service a Transmission Service Customer shall incur both an access charge, as set forth below, and loss compensation charges.

Annual Access Charge - \$1.24822 per kilowatt (kW) of coincident peak demand per year\*

\*Coincident peak demand determined in accordance with 16 TAC § 25.192

Charges for each calendar year shall be adjusted pursuant to the schedule in the Public Utility Commission of Texas's Order approving the transmission charges for that year.

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# Pricing for Transmission Service for Exports from ERCOT

Charges for Transmission Service for exports from ERCOT shall be in accordance with Texas Utility Code § 35.004(d) and 16 TAC § 25.192. Transmission Service Customers scheduling an export of power from ERCOT will be assessed a transmission service charge based on scheduled exports. The intervals must consist of one hour. Charges for Transmission Service for exports from ERCOT shall be determined in accordance with 16 TAC § 25.192(e) and shall be calculated using the charge set forth below:

Hourly Rate: \$0.000142 per kW

The entity scheduling the export of power over a DC tie is solely responsible to Company for payment of transmission service charges pursuant to 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 25.192(e)(3).

#### Losses

Losses shall be calculated by the Independent System Operator (ISO) in accordance with the method set forth in the ERCOT Protocols.

#### **Reliability Guidelines**

To maintain reliability of the ERCOT transmission grid, Austin Energy shall operate its transmission system in accordance with ERCOT Protocols, ERCOT Operating Guides, NERC guidelines, and any other guidelines that may apply to Austin Energy's transmission system.

Austin Energy reserves the right, consistent with good utility practice and on a non-discriminatory basis, to interrupt Transmission Service without liability on Austin Energy's part for the purpose of making necessary adjustments to, changes in, or repairs to its lines, substations and other facilities, or where the continuance of Transmission Service would endanger persons or property. In the event of any adverse condition or disturbance on Austin Energy's system or any other system directly or indirectly interconnected with Austin Energy's system, Austin Energy, consistent with good utility practice, also may interrupt Transmission Service on a non-discriminatory basis in order to limit the extent or damage of the adverse condition or disturbance, to prevent damage to generating or transmission facilities, or to expedite restoration of service.

Austin Energy will give the Transmission Service Customer as much advance notice as is practicable in the event of such interruption, and shall restore service with due diligence.

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The Transmission Service Customer's failure to respond to established emergency load shedding and curtailment procedures to relieve emergencies on Austin Energy's transmission system may result in the Transmission Service Customer being deemed by Austin Energy to be in default and may result in the termination of Transmission Service.

# Payment

Any charges due to Austin Energy under this rate schedule shall be billed in accordance with the Transmission Rules. Customers shall make payment to Austin Energy in a manner consistent with the procedures and deadlines set forth in the Transmission Rules. Any late payments by customers or customer defaults shall be handled in accordance with the Transmission Rules.

#### Agreement

An agreement for Transmission Service containing terms and provisions consistent with the Transmission Rules is required prior to commencement of such service.

#### Definitions

Capitalized terms shall the meanings set forth in 16 TAC §§ 25.5 and 25.191.

#### Amendments to Rules

In the event the Transmission Rules are amended or if a new rule is adopted governing the subject matter of this tariff, this tariff shall, nevertheless, remain effective until the new tariff(s) filed pursuant to any such amendment(s) or such new rules are approved, unless the amendment(s) or new rules or an agreement of the parties provide otherwise.