

a "RIN" and, if not, what name should be used in its place.

Question 2. What issues associated with RIN standards would have to be addressed if in an open access transmission environment the electric power industry transitions to regional pricing, flow-based pricing, or other pricing models that depart from the "contract path" approach presently used for pricing electric transmission service? How in structuring RIN standards can the Commission provide for this contingency?

Question 3. The Commission requests comments on how best to post the availability of network transmission service on the RIN. Should Transmission Providers be required to post conservative estimates as a preliminary matter that could be improved with additional study? Is there an alternative service concept that is more suitable to measurement than the current version of network service?

Question 4. The Commission requests comment on how to develop a consistent, industry-wide method of calculating ATC/TTC.

Question 5. The Commission requests comments on ways to minimize the burden of ATC calculations, while ensuring that wholesale transmission customers have the information they need.

Question 6. The Commission requests comment on a standard format for electronic submission of transmission tariffs to the Commission.

Question 7. The Commission requests comments on what information about curtailments and denials of requests for service should be communicated on a RIN.

Question 8. What specifications would be needed for information about curtailments and denials of requests for service to be posted in HTML displays and what specifications and formats would be needed to standardize downloadable files?

Question 9. The Commission requests comment on where on the RIN offers by other entities to provide ancillary service should be placed. The What Report states that these offers should be posted in the "Informal Transmission Communications" section of the RIN. Would this place third party providers at a disadvantage relative to the Transmission Provider?

Question 10. The Commission requests comments on how to determine the costs associated with posting ancillary services on the RIN.

Question 11. With regard to information about offers to provide ancillary services provided by an entity other than the Transmission Provider, what specifications would be needed for this information to be posted in HTML displays and what specifications and formats would be needed to standardize downloadable files?

Question 12. The Commission requests comment on whether there is any additional information needed about ancillary services that is not included in the list. Is any information on the list not needed?

Question 13. The Commission requests comment on how often ancillary services information should be updated.

Question 14. The Commission seeks comment on whether all transmission

discounts should be posted on the RIN, or only those provided to the Transmission Provider or its affiliates. Also, if discounts are to be posted, when should this be done?

Question 15. Regarding information on affiliate discounts, what specifications are needed for the information to be posted in HTML displays and what specifications and formats are needed for the downloadable files?

Question 16. The Commission requests comments on how the data used in calculating ATC should be formatted. Should it be in free form text, predefined tables, or comma delimited ASCII files? If in free form text, should it be in plain ASCII text or in a word processor format, such as WordPerfect or Word?

Question 17. The Commission requests comments on what is the appropriate time delay for making supporting information on ATC available. Should the Commission require specific formats for ATC supporting data? If so, what should the formats be?

Question 18. To keep the amount of information on the RIN manageable, the Commission requests comment on whether it is sufficient to provide information only about planned outages and return dates (for both planned and forced outages) for those system elements deemed to have a direct and significant impact on ATC and whether posting this information on the RIN would cause any confidentiality concerns.

Question 19. Since many system elements can impact the ATC of a path, how should "significant and direct impact" be defined? Is it acceptable to limit the additional information to those system elements for which nomograms, derating tables, and operating guides have been developed?

Question 20. Are there any difficulties, technical or otherwise, associated with posting actual path flows on the RIN?

Question 21. In cases where ATC of a path is a function of run status of one or more generators, is it sufficient to post the expected amount and date of changes to ATC on the RIN, corresponding to the planned outage or return dates of generators.

Question 22. If operating guides, nomograms, operating studies, and similar information are to be made available on the RIN for download, would it be logical to expect that transmission customers will be able to deduce the run status of those generators which significantly and directly impact ATC by observing the changes to ATC?

Question 23. The Commission requests comments on how transmission studies should be formatted for download from the RIN. Should they be in free form ASCII text, or in a word processor format, such as WordPerfect or Word?

Question 24. The Commission requests comment on what information should be considered commercially sensitive, the 30-day release period proposal, and on how and when commercially sensitive information should be released to concerned parties before the standard release period? Should affiliated transactions be treated differently?

Question 25. The Commission requests comments on how long the implementation schedule should be for Phase I.

Question 26. Does the How Report define HTML displays and downloadable files with sufficient clarity to permit public utilities to implement Phase I such that the downloaded files and HTML displays received by customers from each RIN have the same definitions, etc.? If not, what clarifications are needed? Similarly, are uploaded files sufficiently defined in the How Report?

Question 27. The Commission invites comment generally, on the issues discussed in Appendix "C".

Question 28. The Commission requests comments on how to ensure that a customer will be able to choose a browser and use it to access all RIN Nodes.

Question 29. The Commission requests comments on the use of 28,800 bits per second in the calculation of the minimum bandwidth connection between a RIN Node and the Internet in the formula appearing in the How Report.

Question 30. The Commission requests comments on the use of DUNs numbers to identify RIN participants.

Question 31. The Commission requests comments on how to develop common location codes for the electric power industry.

Question 32. The Commission requests comments on what data compression technique or techniques should be made standard for all RIN Nodes.

Question 33. The Commission requests comments on whether the upload and download templates are sufficiently specified to be functional and whether they are sufficiently specified to permit all RIN Nodes to implement them in the same way.

Question 34. The Commission requests comments on whether it should allow the recovery of reasonable expenses associated with developing and running RINs by rolling these costs into wholesale transmission rates. How should fees associated with RIN usage be calculated and recovered?

Question 35. The Commission requests comments on whether it should encourage a small number of RIN Nodes.

Question 36. The Commission requests comments on whether transmission owning utilities should be required, in Phase I, to provide connections to private networks.

Question 37. The Commission requests comments on whether the following How Group Proposals are adequate:

(1) Transmission Service Information Availability: The most recent Provider transmission service information, including updates reflecting power system changes, shall be available to all Customers within 5 minutes of its scheduled posting time at least 98 percent of the time. The remaining 2 percent of the time the transmission service information shall be available within 10 minutes of its scheduled posting time;

(2) Notification of Posted or Changed Transmission Service Information: Notification of transmission service information posted or changed by a Provider shall be made available within 60 seconds to all subscribed Customers who are currently connected; and

(3) Acknowledgment by the Transmission Service Information Provider: Acknowledgment by the transmission service