



RESOLUTION NO. U-11614

1 A RESOLUTION related to Tacoma Power; authorizing the execution of a point-
2 to-point transmission service agreement with the City of Seattle, through
its City Light Department.

3 WHEREAS The City of Seattle, through its City Light Department
4 ("Seattle") has requested to enter into a non-firm point-to-point transmission
5 service agreement with Tacoma Power, and
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7 WHEREAS in 1996, the Federal Regulatory Commission ("FERC")
8 issued Order Nos. 888 and 889, that established open access transmission
9 service, and
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11 WHEREAS until then, transmission owners could deny the use of their
12 transmission systems, which negatively impacted the wholesale power market
13 used to sell and purchase power, and
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15 WHEREAS even though FERC does not have direct jurisdiction over
16 Tacoma Power, the Public Utility Board ("PUB") and City Council approved at
17 Tacoma Power's request an Open Access Transmission Tariff ("OATT") to
18 provide transmission service to wholesale customers in 2012, with the most
19 recently updated rates and terms approved by the PUB and City Council in
20 2021, and
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22 WHEREAS the OATT contains both the terms and conditions, and the
23 rates, associated with the provision of transmission service, and
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25 WHEREAS Seattle has requested non-firm Point-To-Point Transmission
26 Service ("PTP Service) from Tacoma Power that will give Seattle the ability to



1 facilitate the delivery and/or receipt of power to or from customers outside of
2 Tacoma Power's service territory, and

3 WHEREAS PTP service, as the name implies, is used to transfer power
4 from a single point of receipt to a single point of delivery, and the transmission
5 between the two points is commonly referred to as a transmission path, with
6 such service also segregated into firm and non-firm service, and

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8 WHEREAS the actual transmission service desired will be requested and
9 granted via Tacoma Power's internet-based Open-Access Same-Time
10 Information System ("OASIS"), for an initial term of three years, and

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12 WHEREAS Tacoma Power seeks authorization for Jackie Flowers,
13 Director, to execute the agreement on behalf of Tacoma Power; Now, therefore,
14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

15 That Tacoma Power's request to enter into a non-firm point-to-point
16 transmission agreement with The City of Seattle, through its City Light
17 Department for an initial term of three years is approved, and Director Flowers,
18 or her designee, is authorized to execute such agreement in substantially the
19 same form as that on file with the Clerk, and as approved by the City Attorney's
20 Office.
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22 Approved as to form:

23 _____
24 /s/
25 Chief Deputy City Attorney

Chair

Secretary

26 _____
Clerk

Adopted _____



Board Action Memorandum

TO: Jackie Flowers, Director of Utilities
COPY: Charleen Jacobs, Director and Board Offices
FROM: Tosha Siebert, Transmission & Distribution Section Manager
MEETING DATE: August 12, 2026
DATE: July 7, 2026

GUIDING PRINCIPLE ALIGNMENT (select as many that apply):

Please indicate which of the Public Utility Board's Guiding Principle(s) is supported by this action.

- ☒ Customer and Community
- ☒ Resource Sustainability and Stewardship
- ☐ Employees and Culture

SUMMARY:

Seattle City Light has requested to enter into a non-firm point-to-point transmission service agreement with Tacoma Power. The Open Access Transmission Tariff ("OATT") contains form of service agreements for firm and non-firm point-to-point transmission service. The actual transmission service desired will be requested and granted via Tacoma Power's Internet-based Open-Access Same-Time Information System ("OASIS"). The agreements have an initial term of three years. At the end of the term, the Transmission Customer must provide notice to renew the contracts for an additional three years.

Tacoma Power seeks authorization for Jackie Flowers, Director, to execute the agreement on behalf of Tacoma Power.

BACKGROUND:

Tacoma Power has an Open Access Transmission Tariff ("OATT") that is used to provide transmission service to wholesale customers (i.e., parties involved in sales for resale). The OATT contains both the terms and conditions, and the rates, associated with the provision of transmission service.

Before the OATT, Tacoma Power had a transfer tariff it used to provide transmission service to parties such as the Bonneville Power Administration ("BPA") and Iberdrola Renewables. BPA provides power services to customers generally known as the Pierce County Mutuals that are connected to the Tacoma Power transmission system. Examples of the Pierce County Mutuals are Peninsula Light Company, Elmhurst Mutual Power and Light Company, and Lakeview Light & Power. Iberdrola Renewables contracted with Simpson (which later became WestRock and ceased operations in 2023) to deliver the power generated at the biomass generating facility to California.

In 1996, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued its Order Nos. 888 and 889 that established open access transmission service. Until then, transmission owners could deny the use of their transmission systems, which negatively impacted the wholesale power market used to sell and purchase power. Tacoma Power is not under FERC's jurisdiction, but public power entities, such as Tacoma Power, have voluntarily adopted the use of FERC's OATT.



Board Action Memorandum

In 2012, Tacoma Power drafted its OATT and fashioned it after FERC's *pro forma* OATT in effect at that time. The OATT was approved by the Public Utility Board and City Council. In 2021, the OATT was modified to update the rates and to make the changes needed to accommodate Tacoma Power's entry into the Energy Imbalance Market. The updated OATT was again approved by the Public Utility Board and City Council. Service to BPA is now provided under the OATT.

The OATT provides for two types of transmission service: Network Integration Transmission Service ("Network Service") and Point-To-Point Transmission Service ("PTP Service"). Network Service is meant to provide service similar to that which the transmission provider uses to serve its own load. The transmission customer has a set of defined network customers and network resources, and the entire transmission system is used to deliver the power from those resources to the loads. BPA is taking Network Service as it serves the multiple Pierce County Mutuals that are connected in various locations across Tacoma Power's transmission system. PTP service, as the name implies, is used to transfer power from a single point of receipt to a single point of delivery. The transmission between the two points is commonly referred to as a transmission path. PTP Transmission is also further segregated into firm and non-firm service. Firm service can only be interrupted if there is a system reliability problem. In addition to reliability-related issues, non-firm service can be interrupted for reasons such as financial. For example, if one customer offers a higher price than another customer, or if a customer purchases for a longer term than another. Since the service is cost based and rarely, if ever, discounted, service is seldom interrupted as a result of a customer paying a higher price.

Seattle City Light is entering into a Non-firm PTP transmission service agreement with Tacoma Power that will give the ability to procure transmission rights on Tacoma Power's transmission system to facilitate the delivery and/or receipt of power to or from customers outside of the Tacoma Power service territory.

ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? Yes

IF THE EXPENSE IS NOT BUDGETED, PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW IT IS TO BE COVERED.

IF THE ACTION REQUESTED IS APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT, INCLUDE LANGUAGE IN RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING \$200,000 INCREASE IN ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY TO DIRECTOR? No

ATTACHMENTS:

- Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service Agreements between Seattle City Light and Tacoma Power;

CONTACT:

Primary Contact: Travis Filleau, Power Systems Engineer, PE, (253) 381-5882

Supervisor's Name: Khanh Thai

Presenter (if different from primary contact): John Nierenberg

**Service Agreement for
Non-Firm Point-To-Point Transmission Service**

- 1.0 This Service Agreement, dated as of _____, is entered into, by and between City of Tacoma, Department of Public Utilities, Tacoma Power, a municipal corporation (Tacoma Power), and Seattle City Light (Transmission Customer).
- 2.0 The Transmission Customer has been determined by Tacoma Power to be a Transmission Customer under Part II of the Tariff and has filed a Completed Application for Non-Firm Point-To-Point Transmission Service in accordance with Section 18.2 of the Tariff.
- 3.0 Service under this Agreement shall be provided by Tacoma Power upon request by an authorized representative of the Transmission Customer.
- 4.0 The Transmission Customer agrees to supply information Tacoma Power deems reasonably necessary in accordance with Good Utility Practice in order for it to provide the requested service.
- 5.0 Transmission Customers requesting Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service shall consider this agreement as a blanket authorizing agreement for such service.
- 6.0 The term of this agreement shall be three (3) years from the date referenced in Section 1.0, at which time Transmission Customer must provide notice to Tacoma Power that Transmission Customer would like to renew this agreement for an additional three (3) year term.
- 7.0 Tacoma Power agrees to provide and the Transmission Customer agrees to take and pay for Non-Firm Point-To-Point Transmission Service in accordance with the provisions of Part II of the Tariff and this Service Agreement.
- 8.0 Any notice or request made to or by either Party regarding this Service Agreement shall be made to the representative of the other Party as indicated below.

Tacoma Power:

Tacoma Power
ATTN: T&D Manager
3628 South 35th Street
Tacoma, WA 98409

Transmission Customer:

ATTN: Seattle City Light
Phone: 206-615-0966
Email: William.hough@seattle.gov
Address: 700 5th Ave, Seattle, WA, 98104

9.0 The Tariff is incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

10.0 Other Provisions: _____

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Service Agreement to be executed by their respective authorized officials.

<TRANSMISSION CUSTOMER>

TACOMA POWER

By: _____
Signed by:
Josh Walter
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Name: Josh Walter
(Print/Type)

Title: Power Contracts & Regional
Affairs Manager

Date: 06/30/2026

By: _____

Name: Jackie Flowers
(Print/Type)

Title: Director of Utilities

Date: _____

Signed by:
Form Approved - Michael W Smith
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Deputy City Attorney

Specifications for Non-Firm Point-To-Point Transmission Service

- 1.0 Term of Transaction: Per OASIS Transmission Service Request(s)
Start Date and Hour: Per OASIS Transmission Service Request(s)
Termination Date and Hour: Per OASIS Transmission Service Request(s)
- 2.0 Point(s) of Receipt: Per OASIS Transmission Service Request(s)
- 3.0 Point(s) of Delivery: Per OASIS Transmission Service Request(s)
- 4.0 Maximum amount of capacity at each Point of Receipt:
Per OASIS Transmission Service Request(s)
- 5.0 Maximum amount of capacity at each Point of Delivery:
Per OASIS Transmission Service Request(s)
- 6.0 Service under this Agreement may be subject to some combination of the charges detailed below. (The appropriate charges for individual transactions will be determined consistent with the terms and conditions of the Tariff.)
 - 6.1 Transmission Charge: The current Tariff rate for the increment of transmission service requested on OASIS.
 - 6.2 Distribution Facilities Charge: _____

 - 6.3 Other Charges: : _____
