

Welcome to Northwest Pipeline

Are you a Power Plant Operator (“PPO”)?

A PPO is the entity having responsibility for natural gas requirements and coordinating deliveries to meet those requirements for a natural gas-fired electric generating facility. It is also responsible for coordinating natural gas deliveries with the Transportation Service Provider(s) (“TSP”) directly connected to the PPO’s facility.

What are the Protocols for Communication Between a PPO and a TSP?

In order to improve coordination between PPO’s and TSP’s and improve communications about scheduling of gas-fired generators, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission issued Order No. 698. Northwest and its gas-fired generating customers developed the following plan to ensure compliance with Order No. 698:

Material Changes that May Impact Hourly Flow Rates – **WGQ Standard 0.3.12 / WEQ Standard 011-1.2**

- ✓ PPO – If Northwest determines that it would be helpful for PPOs to communicate material changes in their circumstances that may impact hourly flow rates to Northwest, Northwest will directly request hourly flow information from PPOs, and PPOs will provide such information to Northwest in the format located in the Download section on the Northwest Informational Posting website.
- ✓ TSP – Northwest will communicate material changes in its circumstances which may impact hourly flow rates for PPOs by issuing a critical notice. Critical notices can be accessed by: 1) Northwest’s website www.northwest.williams.com; or 2) Northwest’s proprietary system, Northwest Passage, after completing an Access Agreement located in the Download section on the Northwest Informational Posting website; or 3) email or fax after completing a Business Associate (BA) form located in the Download section on the Northwest Informational Posting website.

Approved Scheduled Quantities – **WGQ Standard 0.3.13 / WEQ Standard 011-1.3**

- ✓ PPO – A PPO should not operate without an approved scheduled quantity. In the event a PPO cannot operate within its scheduled quantities, it should call Northwest Gas Control at phone number (801) 584-6949.
- ✓ TSP – Northwest posts the NAESB standard nomination timelines and delineates its scheduling processes in its tariff on Northwest’s website. Northwest posts scheduled quantities on its website after each scheduling cycle. Northwest also posts all marketing services representatives with contact information on its website under Marketing Services Contacts. Additionally, an on-call representative can be reached on the scheduling hotline at phone number (801) 584-7301.

Critical Notices –

WGQ Standard 0.3.14 / WEQ Standard 011-1.4

- ✓ PPO – PPOs are required to sign up to receive operational flow orders and other critical notices from a TSP. To access critical notices, see instructions listed above.
- ✓ TSP – Northwest communicates operational flow orders and other critical notices by posting these orders and notices on its website. The instructions listed above describe how a PPO can access these notices.

Pertinent Gas Transportation Service Information –

WEQ Standard 011-1.5

- ✓ PPO – Upon request, a PPO must provide to the appropriate independent balancing authority and/or reliability coordinator, pertinent information concerning the level of gas transportation service (firm or interruptible) and its natural gas supply (firm, fixed or variable quantity or interruptible).

Communication Procedures with Regional Transportation Operators, Independent System Operators, other independent transmission operators, independent Balancing Authorities and/or Regional Reliability Coordinators, collectively called (“Coordinators”) –

WGQ Standard 0.3.15 / WEQ Standard 011-1.6

- ✓ Coordinators – Coordinators are to establish operational communication procedures with the appropriate TSP and PPOs. Coordinators can sign up to receive critical notices pursuant to instructions listed above. Additionally, Coordinators can contact Northwest personnel directly using the contact information posted on Northwest’s website.
- ✓ TSP – Communication procedures between a Coordinators and Northwest are to be established by the Coordinators. Northwest will make critical notices and contact information available to Coordinators on its website.