

Confirmation & Cross Contract Ranking Concepts

Cross Contract Ranking Concepts as of March 24, 1999

D1. Service Level is the term used to describe the characteristics of service defined in a Transportation Service Provider's tariff or general terms and conditions that should be used in the confirmation and/or scheduling process to determine confirmed or scheduled quantities. (2/3/99)

P1. In order to effectuate cross contract ranking, the level of confirmation at a location should occur at the entity to entity level. (2/2/99 voted to P1 3/24/99)

C4. When nominated quantities exceed available capacity, the Transportation Service Provider (TSP) should first utilize its tariff requirements to assign capacity to each service level for each Service Requester (SR). The TSP should then use the SR's provided ranks to determine how the available quantities should be distributed within a single service level. The scheduling ranks (as applicable) should be used as follows:

- For reductions identified at or upstream of the constraint location, the order for application of ranks is Receipt Rank (Priority), Upstream Rank (Priority), Delivery Rank (Priority), Downstream Rank (Priority), (as applicable).
- For reductions identified at or downstream of the constraint location, the order for application of ranks is Delivery Rank (Priority), Downstream Rank (Priority), Receipt Rank (Priority), Upstream Rank (Priority), (as applicable).

(2/3/99, modified on 3/10/99, voted on 3/24/99)

C5. When applying a confirmation reduction to an entity at a location, the Transportation Service Provider (TSP) should use the ranks provided by the Service Requester on all nominations for that location and entity to determine the appropriate nomination(s) to be reduced, except were superseded by the TSP tariff, general terms and conditions, or contractual obligations. The scheduling ranks (as applicable) should be used as follows:

- For receipt side reductions, the order for application of ranks is Upstream Rank (Priority), Receipt Rank (Priority), Delivery Rank (Priority), and Downstream Rank (Priority).
- For delivery side reductions, the order for application of ranks is Downstream Rank (Priority), Delivery Rank (Priority), Receipt Rank (Priority), and Upstream Rank (Priority).

(2/3/99, modified on 3/10/99)

C6. (Motion was withdrawn, per minutes of Feb. 2-3, 1999.)

C7. For a nomination to be considered a new line item, a data element which is part of the key should be different than one already present. If a line item is received by the Transportation Service Provider and key data elements are not different than ones already present, the line should overlay the data elements which are not part of the key and which have changed. (3/1/99)

Confirmation Concepts as July 21, 1999

C1. The confirmation process should be reviewed to identify areas where improvements should be implemented. (4/20/99)

C3. There should be a single default level of confirmation for a confirming party/location type. (such as: at production, interconnect to interconnect, and interconnect to LDC locations) (4/20/99)

C4. Absent mutual agreement to the contrary between the TSP and the Operator for confirmations at a production location, the TSP should be required to support the fact that the operator will confirm with the TSP to only the upstream entity level. These upstream entities should either confirm or nominate (at the TSP's determination) at an entity level with the TSP. (5/25/99)

C5. Absent mutual agreement to the contrary between TSPs, confirmations will be performed at an upstream/downstream entity to Service Requester entity level at an interconnect. (5/25/99)

C7. Absent mutual agreement to the contrary between the pipeline and LDC, for confirmations at a citygate, the LDC and pipeline confirmation should be performed at an upstream/downstream entity to service requester entity level. The pipeline should provide supplemental information obtained or derived through the nomination process as a part of the confirmation (e.g., through the Request for Confirmation 1.4.3 and the Confirmation Response 1.4.4) and scheduling process necessary for the LDC to meet its statutory and/or regulatory obligations. Such supplemental information if available, should include the pipeline's Service Requester Contract and may include a derivable indicator characterizing the type of contract and service being provided at a citygate location, Downstream Contract Identifier and/or Package ID. In any event, the pipeline may opt to continue entity/contract level confirmations at the citygate. (6/29/99)

C10. Absent mutual agreement to the contrary between the Transportation Service Provider (TSP) and the enduser at an enduser location, confirmations will be performed at an upstream/downstream entity to Service Requester entity level. For the purposes of this concept a TSP excludes LDC's. (7/20/99)

CD1. Production locations includes wellheads, platforms, plant tailgates (excluding straddle plants) and physical wellhead aggregation points. (7/20/99)

C13. Where LDC's confirm with endusers, and absent mutual agreement to the contrary between the LDC and enduser, for confirmations at an enduser location, the enduser and LDC confirmation should be performed at an upstream/downstream entity to service requester entity level. The LDC should provide supplemental information obtained or derived through the nomination process as a part of the confirmation (e.g., through the Request for Confirmation 1.4.3 and the Confirmation Response 1.4.4) and scheduling process. Such supplemental information, if available, should include the LDC's Service Requester Contract and based upon the LDCs business practices may include a derivable indicator characterizing the type of contract and service being provided at an enduser location, Downstream Contract Identifier and/or Package ID. In any event, the LDC may opt to continue entity/contract level confirmations at the enduser location. (7/21/99)