

28.4 Zone Nominations

For nomination purposes, a Point of Delivery may be defined as a currently established Operational Zone in the Market Area or Argus Zone in the Field Area that is applicable for deliveries to the facilities of a single LDC as well as delivery points in the same Operational Zone serving an electric generation plant where the LDC has a tolling arrangement. In the event that the electric generation plant is located behind the facilities of another LDC, then both LDCs and Northern must enter into an end-user allocation agreement as provided for in Section 30.E. of the GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS of this FERC Gas Tariff. All zone delivery points must contain TBS specific entitlements. The total of the TBS specific entitlements must equal the zone delivery point entitlement; however, daily nomination and scheduling may be made by a zone nomination. An LDC may aggregate delivery points that serve power plants in an Operational Zone into a sub-zone for DDVC and imbalance purposes; provided, however, the Shipper must nominate such delivery points on an individual basis. Shipper must use commercially reasonable efforts to provide one-hour notification prior to flow to Northern's Gas Control Department of expected volumes and burn rate.

Standards for Operational Zone Boundary Changes. Shipper may request a change in the currently effective Operational Zone boundaries or may request that a delivery point(s) be moved from one Operational Zone to another. Such request shall be made in writing and shall set forth the name of the Shipper, the delivery point(s) involved, and the reasons for requesting the change or move.

1. Northern shall evaluate any such request using the following requirements:
 - a. Shipper has had delivery point(s) in the Operational Zone to which Shipper has requested the delivery point(s) be changed or moved for a period of at least twelve (12) consecutive months;
 - b. circumstances at the particular delivery point(s) that Shipper desires to change or move have changed from those existing at the time the existing boundaries were established, e.g., a change in ownership of the delivery point(s); a change in the size of the load at the delivery point(s); or an intervening change in Northern's Tariff which, in conjunction with the change or move in delivery point(s), would simplify Shipper's nomination process; and
 - c. the change will not result in negative operational consequences or other system management problems for Northern or other shippers. As part of the assessment of the operational and system management consequences of the requested change, Northern shall perform a flow study, based on the three most recent scheduling allocations in the Operational Zone in which the delivery point(s) specified in the Shipper's request currently are located, demonstrating how those allocations would have been affected had the delivery point(s) not been in that Operational Zone at the time of the allocations. To the extent Northern demonstrates that increased allocations, SOL, SUL or Critical Days or other operational or system management impacts will occur as a result of the change, the request will be denied.
2. If Northern determines that the requirements set forth in subsection 1. above have been met, Northern shall file a request for an Operational Zone boundary modification if no tariff changes are required or make a Section 4 tariff filing requesting Commission approval to make the proposed change or move. No such change or move shall be made until Commission acceptance has been obtained.

3. If the request is granted and negative operational or other adverse consequences result, Northern has the right to make a filing with the Commission to (a) restore the Operational Zone boundaries that existed prior to the change, or (b) return the delivery point(s) to the original Operational Zone. Pending the outcome of the filing before the Commission, Northern has the right to take interim actions that address the negative operational impact or other adverse consequences. Such interim actions include, but are not limited to, the actions set forth in (3)(a) and (3)(b) above.