

48.3 System Overrun Limitation (SOL)

In the event that the pipeline system operating integrity is in jeopardy, an SOL may be called for all or part of the SMS entitlement above MDQ. When an SOL is in effect SMS may not be available above the MDQ. Any decision by Northern to call an SOL will also involve a decision on the level of SMS service that would be authorized above MDQ. If SMS is offered, Northern will post on its website the percentage of SMS that may be utilized above the MDQ, ranging from 0-100%. The website posting of available SMS service levels will be made concurrently with the SOL declaration. If throughput overrun has been scheduled during an SOL, SMS is available below the scheduled level, but the five percent (5%) tolerance will not apply above the Shipper's MDQ (including any overrun volumes scheduled) before the Positive or Punitive DDVC's apply. The tolerance on scheduled volumes below the MDQ will be up to four percent (4%) not to exceed the MDQ on an SOL. However, Small Customer and Bypassing Small Customer tolerances and positive DDVC levels as set forth in Subsection 48.2, Subpart A.4 above apply at all times, even when an SOL is called. In addition, when an SOL is in effect, if the sum of the scheduled volume on all of Shipper's firm and interruptible Throughput Service Agreements is equal to or greater than the Shipper's MDQ and no SMS is being authorized above the MDQ, then the tolerance is not available above the MDQ level. However, in such case, SMS is available up to the Shipper's MDQ. Further, Small Customers and Bypassing Small Customers retain their use of tolerance and positive DDVC levels as set forth in Subsection 48.2, Subpart A.4 above, and SMS on SOL or Critical Days, and Small Customers and Bypassing Small Customers are not subject to the foregoing limitation.

An SOL may be called for all or part of the system by localizing the smallest affected area, beginning with individual points, followed by branchline, Operational Zone, Market/Field Area, and up to the entire system, in that order. Northern will post the SOL on the website no later than 3:00 p.m. CCT of the Gas Day for which SOL has been called. Northern will determine the operating status of the pipeline system using the following criteria: weather forecast; system conditions-line pack, overall projected pressures at monitored locations and storage conditions; facility status-horsepower utilization and availability; and overall send-out projections and availability. In the event any or all of these criteria cause Northern's operating condition to severely deteriorate, a Critical Day may be called in Northern's sole discretion.