



Frequently Asked Questions Elapsed Prorated Scheduled Quantity ("EPSQ")

How will a shipper be notified that they are in violation of NAESB's EPSQ constraints?

If a shipper attempts to submit an online nomination below the EPSQ constraints, TMS will not accept the nomination change and will generate an error message informing the shipper of the minimum EPSQ nomination quantity. TMS will not accept a nomination that is below the EPSQ minimum.

- Nominations below EPSQ submitted via EDI will not be rejected, but such nominations will be adjusted and scheduled to the EPSQ quantity once the nomination is uploaded to TMS. The EDI shipper will receive a nomination quick response file with the appropriate EPSQ error message. Additionally, the EDI shipper can use the 'EDI Nom Quick Response' screen in TMS to view its quick response messages.

Will an operator who confirms its point below the EPSQ minimum quantity also be notified?

No. An operator is permitted to confirm any quantity it wishes at its point, and will not be notified if it does so. However, Northern's TMS Scheduling System will recognize NAESB EPSQ rules for confirmations and will automatically schedule applicable minimum EPSQ quantity on the Intraday 1, Intraday 2, Intraday 3 and Final 8 a.m. Cycles.

If a customer is reducing a nomination for an Intraday cycle (Intraday 1 ("ID 1"), Intraday 2 ("ID2") or Intraday 3 ("ID3")), and the Non-grid cycle has not been completed, how will TMS calculate the EPSQ?

If the shipper is reducing nominations for an intraday cycle before the Non-grid cycle has closed, TMS will utilize the nominated quantities from the Non-grid cycle to calculate the EPSQ minimum. Therefore, a customer should wait until the Non-grid cycle is closed before submitting its Intraday 1 nomination to assure that the lowest nomination is accepted. If not, the EPSQ based on the Non-grid nominated volumes may be overstated when compared to the EPSQ based on the Non-grid scheduled volumes. See examples below.

Prior to close of Non-Grid Cycle

	Non-grid	ID 1	ID 1 Nomination Reject/Accept
Nominated Qty	5,000 Dth	1,200 Dth	Reject [EPSQ: 5,000 Dth * 5/24 = 1,042 Dth]
Scheduled Qty	Not scheduled yet	1,042 Dth	

After close of Non-Grid Cycle

	Non-grid	ID 1	ID 1 Nomination Reject/Accept
Nominated Qty	5,000 Dth	1,200 Dth	
Scheduled Qty	3,000 Dth	625 Dth	Accept [EPSQ: 3,000 Dth * 5/24 = 625 Dth]

If a point or contract is allocated to zero for the first time on an intraday cycle, will the shipper's nominations be cut to zero or to EPSQ?

If a point or contract, other than storage, has been scheduled in the prior cycle and is allocated to zero for the first time in an intraday cycle, the point quantity will not be cut lower than EPSQ.

The EPSQ on Final 8 a.m. nominations is 100% of Intraday 3 quantities. Does Northern allow Final 8 a.m. nomination reductions in order to true-up to physical flow quantities or to match scheduled quantities with interconnecting pipelines?

A shipper may attempt to reduce its nomination below the 100% EPSQ in order to true-up its scheduled amount to match physical flow quantities. However, Northern reviews each Final 8 a.m. nomination reduction and may schedule less than EPSQ unless the nomination does not comply with Final 8 a.m. nomination requirements.

For additional information, please see the " Final 8 a.m. Cycle Guidelines" posting located on Northern's website under the section →"Support"→"User Manuals"→" [Final 8:00 A.M. Cycle Guidelines](#)".

What happens if an interconnecting interstate pipeline has EPSQ requirements which create a scheduling mismatch with Northern? Will Northern make the necessary adjustments to accommodate EPSQ requirements of interconnecting interstate pipelines?

Yes. In the event of scheduling mismatch with an interconnecting pipeline due to the pipeline's conflicting EPSQ requirements, Northern will adjust the scheduled quantities to match quantities on interconnecting pipelines when feasible. Such an adjustment will take place to comply with NAESB-mandated EPSQ guidelines.

If I have additional questions, who can I contact?

Should you have additional questions regarding EPSQ or any other scheduling activity, please contact your Northern [Customer Service Representative](#).