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TMS – Nomination/Scheduling Overview

Nominations & Scheduling

During the nomination process, shippers input nomination paths requesting receipt point(s) and delivery point(s) indicating where they want Northern to receive and deliver its gas. Nominations may be entered online via Northern Customer Activities or using EDI (Electronic Data Interchange).

The Throughput Management System (TMS) is the method through which customers request a specific service on Northern. A nomination is a specific request for service that is assigned to a contract. The nomination indicates a date range, point locations, quantities, scheduling priorities (rank), and upstream/downstream contract information. In other words, a nomination clearly identifies the amount of gas a shipper expects to transport on the Northern Pipeline subject to the terms and conditions of the contract under which the service is being requested.

During the scheduling process, the pipeline balances all logical pool points. When reductions occur, it crosses between contracts back to the physical receipts and deliveries using the rankings used in the nomination process.

Currently, Northern has seven nomination cycles that are available to shippers to submit nominations. For nomination timelines, please refer to [Training Materials](#) section.

Add 10 minutes to deadlines for EDI nominations, including the Final 8:00 a.m. process.

All Times Central Clock Time (CCT)

Timely	Online Nominations received prior to the 1:00 p.m. deadline for the upcoming gas day beginning at 9:00 a.m.
Evening	Online Nominations received after 1 p.m. but before 6:00 p.m. for the upcoming gas day beginning at 9:00 a.m.
Non-Grid 7:00 a.m.	Online Nominations received after 6:00 p.m. but before 7:00 a.m. for the upcoming gas day beginning at 9:00 a.m.
Intraday 1 *	Online Nominations received after 7:00 a.m. (prior to the beginning of the gas day) but before 10:00 a.m. of the gas day for gas flow at 2:00 p.m. during the gas day.
Intraday 2 *	Online Nominations received after 10:00 a.m. of the gas day but before 2:30 p.m. of the gas day for gas flow at 6:00 p.m. during the gas day.
Intraday 3 *	Online Nominations received after 2:30 p.m. of the gas day but before 7:00 p.m. of the gas day for gas flow at 10:00 p.m. during the gas day.
Final 8:00 a.m.	Online Nominations received after 7:00 p.m. but before 8:00 a.m. for gas day ending at 9:00 a.m. This cycle is used for shippers who have contracted storage services with Northern.

* Intraday nominations can be used to request increases or decreases in total flow, but if there are decreases, it will be subject to Elapsed Prorated Scheduled Quantities (EPSQ**).

** Elapsed-Prorated Scheduled Quantity: The portion of scheduled quantity that would have theoretically flowed up to the effective time of the Intraday nomination being confirmed, based upon a cumulative uniform hourly quantity for each nomination period affected.