Pooling

Information on pool balancing, pooling rules, and reports with details and examples.

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**Important Information – Please Read**

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Pooling

Introduction

Per Transco’s FERC Gas Tariff, pooling shall be defined as the aggregation of gas from multiple physical and/or virtual receipt points to a single physical or virtual point; and the disaggregation of gas from a single physical or virtual point to multiple physical and/or virtual delivery points. This training module will cover what are the pooling locations, how to participate in Transco’s pooling service, how to nominate and view pooling transactions on 1Line, what are the pooling rules and what are the transportation and fuel charges at Transco’s pools.

Pooling Locations

Transco’s available pooling points (physical or virtual locations on its pipeline) are posted on 1Line.

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How to participate in Transco’s Pooling Service

Pooling service can be designated as firm or interruptible; however, a shipper must execute separate service agreements for firm pooling service and for interruptible pooling service. There is a separate training module on how to request pooling contracts (See the Contracts II – IT & Pooling training module on the Informational Postings page under 1Line>Training>Training Resources>Training Modules)

Pooling service does not include transportation to and from the pools. Using firm or interruptible transportation service, shippers may transport gas from multiple receipt points to a single pooling point; aggregate and disaggregate (e.g., “repackage”) the gas using the pooling service; and then transport such gas (using firm or interruptible
transportation service) to multiple delivery points. The total daily quantities aggregated must equal the total daily quantities disaggregated, subject to an allowable variance, which will be posted on 1Line. If a shipper does not balance its daily aggregated and disaggregated quantities accordingly, Transco will balance the quantities in the manner described in the tariff (Section 2.3 of Rate Schedule Pooling). There is no charge for service under this rate schedule.

**Nominating Pool Gas**

The **pooling party** nominates the supply to their pool on a transportation contract using Transaction Type 1 (TT1), or, for imbalance payback to shipper, Transaction Type 3 (TT3). The pooling party also nominates a disaggregation nomination (TT8) on their pooling contract for each market receiving gas at the pool. A disaggregation nomination is a one-sided nomination identifying the quantity of gas to be delivered and the business associate ID (BAID) of markets receiving gas from the pooling party.

Each **market** nominates gas to be received at the pooling location on a transportation contract using (TT1), or (TT4) for imbalance payback from shipper.

![Diagram of Pool Gas Flow](Diagram)

(See the **Nominations** training module on the Informational Postings page under 1Line>Training>Training Resources>Training Modules for more information on nominating pool transactions)

For example some of the **Fields required and/or Validated on Nominations**:

**Upstream K and ID Requirements**

Receipts at:
- **Pooling Locations**
  - Upstream K and ID required. Upstream Contract is validated. (Must use Service Requester’s pooling contract)

**Downstream K and ID Requirements**

Deliveries at:
- **Pooling Locations-Using Transportation contract**
  - Downstream K and ID are required. Downstream K is validated (must use shipper’s pooling contract).
Auto Disaggregation Nomination

The pooling party also has the option of creating a disaggregation nomination (TT8) on their pooling contract for their own markets that will automatically update and match the quantities nominated on their own market nominations. By using the Submit Auto Disagg action and referencing their own Downstream ID, the system will automatically adjust the submitted Auto Disaggregation nomination to their market nominations, so the TT 08 will not have to be updated each time the market nominations are changed. The default rank can be changed at any time without using the Edit/Create action.

There are three ways to create or turn on the Auto Disaggregation nomination.

1. Existing customers who already have their pooling contract BAID referenced in the Downstream ID (TT08) can:
   a. Highlight the row with Del Qty greater than zero,
   b. Right click to display Action Menu or go to Action Menu on upper right hand side then select Submit Auto Disagg.
   c. A new Auto Disagg will overlay the existing TT08, but when you select Retrieve, both TT08’s will appear.
   d. The Package ID will default to SYSTEM DISAGG.
   e. If you only want the System Disagg, then all other TT08’s that reference the pool owner’s Downstream ID will need to be zeroed out.
   f. You can only have 1 System Disagg, but you are not precluded from having regular TT 08 submitted to match your market nominations, the System Disagg will take the swing and have the lowest priority.

2. Current customers can edit an existing TT08 by:
   a. Highlight an existing nomination row.
   b. Select Edit Create action and choose quantity greater than zero.
   c. Change to the preferred Pooling Location ID.
   d. Select Submit Auto Disagg action and the Package ID will default to SYSTEM DISAGG.
   e. If you only want the SYSTEM DISAGG, then all other TT08’s that reference the pool owner’s Downstream ID will need to be zeroed out.

3. New or current customers submitting a TT 08 for the 1st time can:
   a. Change the Transaction Type filter to 08.
   b. Select action Create.
   c. Enter Pooling contract number, TT should be 08, enter Pool Delivery location, Delivery Quantity and Downstream ID.
   d. Select action Submit Auto Disagg.
   e. The Package ID will default SYSTEM DISAGG.

The System Disagg can be either turned off or deleted. To turn the System Disagg off, select action Edit Create and enter Del Qty of zero, highlight then select Submit Auto Disagg. To delete the System Disagg, change the End Date on the nomination to the nearest date that the nominations hasn’t been scheduled, highlight then select action Delete.
**Pooling Point Rules**  
(As specified in Transco’s FERC Gas Tariff, Section 28.8 of the General Terms and Conditions)

1. Shippers must transport supplies to their own pools on a transportation contract unless their agent transports supplies to the agent’s pool using the Service Requester’s transportation contract.

2. Shippers may transport gas from wellhead and interconnect points to either firm or interruptible pool agreements on either firm or interruptible transportation agreements.

3. For firm pooling agreements, pool to pool transfers at the same location may be booked on either a firm or an interruptible transportation agreement.

4. For interruptible pooling agreements, pool to pool transfers at the same location must be booked on interruptible transportation agreements only.

5. Gas may be transferred from an interruptible pooling agreement to a firm pooling agreement, but not transferred from a firm pooling agreement to an interruptible pooling agreement.

6. Transportation transactions taking gas away from a pool on a firm pooling agreement must be on a firm transportation agreement.

7. Transportation transactions taking gas away from a pool on an interruptible pooling agreement may be firm or interruptible.

8. No transportation charges or fuel for pool to pool transfers at the same location between pooling agreements.

**Additional Pooling Point Rules**  
(As specified in Transco’s FERC Gas Tariff, Rate Schedule Pooling section)

1. Pooling party nominates a one-sided disaggregation (TT8) nomination for each market receiving gas at the pool on a pooling contract.

2. Supply cuts are made on transportation transactions before pool to pool transfers, regardless of rank.
Summary of Transportation and Fuel Charges at Pools

Zone 1 – 3 (Station 30, 45, 50, 62, 65):
- Based on the IT feeder requirements of Transco’s tariff, zonal usage fees and fuel are assessed on transportation **INTO AND OUT OF** each pooling location (except for pool-to-pool at the same location).

Zone 4, 4A (Station 85-ZN4, 85-ZN4A):
- Transco charges usage fees and fuel on transportation **OUT OF** the pooling locations in these zones. View more details under [Station 85 Diagrams](#).

Zone 5, 6 (Station 165, 210) Market Area Pooling:
- Transco charges usage fees and fuel on transportation **INTO** the pooling locations.
- Transco does **not** charge usage fees and fuel on transportation **OUT** the pool on deliveries within the same zone, but we will bill for ACA if appropriate. View more details under [Market Area Pooling – Station 165 and Station 210 Pools](#).
**Pool Balancing Summary**

Once nominations are submitted, the pooling transactions immediately appear on the **Pool Balancing Summary** page for the pooling party to review. To check pool status, select:

Nominations>Nomination>Pool Balancing Summary

The **Pool Balancing Summary** allows a customer to view all pool transactions at a summary level to display totals of Supply Quantity, Disagg Quantity and Market Quantity for each pool location.

The Entity Imbalance columns will display the differences for Supply to Disagg and Disagg to Market for each gas flow day and each cycle.

To display the Pool Detail for each pool location, click on the “+” icon to expand the details.
The breakout totals for SUPPLY and DISAGG AND MARKET will display for each, the Nom Quantity and selected cycle Scheduled Quantity.

To view more details for the SUPPLY and/or DISAGG AND MARKET, click on the “+” icon to display Contracts and/or Downstream id and Downstream Party details for each transaction.

The Supply, Disagg and Market details will be displayed.

If there is a RRC (Reduction Reason Code) cut, move your cursor over the RRC for a brief description.
Pool History

The Pool History page provides a snapshot of scheduled volumes for all 6 cycles including pending Retro Nom volume, RRID, and Retro Status information for a specific pooling contract and gas flow day for supply, disaggregation, and market activity. To open the Pool History page, go to the Navigation menu, and select:

Nominations > Nomination > Pool Balance Summary >Action Menu> View Pool History

Nomination History

The Nomination History page allows a customer to view their pooling nominations for each pool location by contract. To open the Nomination History page, go to the Navigation menu, and select:

Nominations > Nomination > Pool Balance Summary >Action Menu> View Nomination History

To view the Nominations History, select the pool location, then select the “+” icon to expand, select the next “+” icon of Supply or Market contract line to expand, click to highlight, then select Action Menu > View Nomination History.

Email Notification

Customers can elect to receive emails to notify them when their pools are out of balance or for scheduling cuts by indicating a check box on these roles in the Customer Information area of 1Line. Each Business Associate’s System Security Administrator can set these roles up by user under Navigation>Customer Information>Business Associate Contacts.
Supply Disagg Summary

The **Supply Disagg Summary** allows customers to review the upstream supplier’s disaggregation nomination for accuracy.

To view, select: **Nominations > Nomination > View Supply Disagg Summary**

To display the Supply Disagg Details for each pool location, click on the “+” icon to expand the details.

Pool Tolerance

**Pool tolerance** is the allowable variance at the pool. The tolerance level is set by Gas Control depending upon operating conditions. Transco’s FERC Gas Tariff supports tolerances from .5% and up to 4%. The current pool tolerance can be found on the **Transco’s Info Postings page** under **PIPELINE CONDITIONS**.

The scheduling process will apply this limit differently based on whether the pool is at, above or below the tolerance level. The following examples explain how the **tolerance** is applied at the pools.
**Below or At the Tolerance Level**

When a pool is **at or below the tolerance** level (within the posted tolerance percentage), only the pooling party is affected. The pool will appear out of balance for the first 4 cycles of the gas day.

In the final cycle, the supply delivery is adjusted to balance the pool. The supply transaction is scheduled out of balance only by the allowable tolerance. **The pool will be balanced in ID3 and any cycle after ID3.**
Above the Tolerance Level-Excess Supply

When a pool is above the tolerance level, suppliers and marketers can be affected. When there is excess supply that is above the tolerance the pool delivery will be cut to the tolerance level (usually 1%). The supply receipt will be cut to re-balance the nomination.

In the ID3 cycle, the supply delivery is adjusted to balance the pool, and the supply transaction is scheduled out of balance by the allowable tolerance.
Above the Tolerance Level-Excess Market

When a pool is **above the tolerance level**, the suppliers and marketers can be affected. When there is excess market that is above the tolerance, the pool delivery will be cut to the tolerance level (i.e. 1%). The market delivery will be cut to re-balance the nomination.

In the ID3 cycle, the supply delivery is adjusted to balance the pool, and the supply transaction is scheduled out of balance by the allowable tolerance.
Station 85 Diagrams

As a result of the split of the Station 85 pool into two pools, usage and fuel charges are shown in the following four diagrams. Please contact your Transportation Services Representative if you have any questions.

Deliveries into Station 85 Zone 4 Pool

A: Charge transport and fuel from Zn 3 (3-3), no transport or fuel in zone 4.
B: No transport or fuel charges from Zn 4.
C: Backhaul from Zn 4, no transport or fuel charges.
D: Backhaul from Zn 5, has transport charge (5-5) but no fuel charge, no transport or fuel in zone 4.
E: No transport or fuel charge from a Zn 4 Interconnect location.
F: Charge transport and fuel from Zn 4A Pool (4A-4A), no transport or fuel in Zn 4.
G: Charge transport and fuel from Zn 4A Mobil Bay Lateral (4A-4A), no transport or fuel in Zn 4.
H: Charge transport and fuel from Zn 4B Mobile Bay Lateral (4B-4A), no transport or fuel in Zn 4.

R: Indicates a Receipt Point
I/C: Indicates an Interconnect in Zone 4 such as Pine View
Receipts out of Station 85 Zone 4

A: Backhaul to Zn 3 has transport charge (4-3) but no fuel charge.
B: Backhaul to Zn 4 has transport charge (4-4) but no fuel charge.
C: Charge transport and fuel to Zn 4 (4-4).
D: Charge transport and fuel to Zn 5 (4-5).
E: Charge transport and fuel to a Zn 4 Interconnect location (4-4).
F: Charge transport and fuel to a Zn 4A Pool (4-4), no Zn 4A transport or fuel.
G: Charge transport and fuel to Zn 4A (4-4A)
H: Charge transport and fuel to Zn 4B (4,4A & 4B).
 Deliveries into Station 85 Zone 4A Pool

A: Charge transport and fuel from Zn 3 (3-4), no Zn 4A transport and fuel.
B: Charge transport and fuel from Zn 4 (4-4), no Zn 4A transport or fuel.
C: Backhaul from Zn 4, charge transport and no Fuel.
D: Backhaul from Zn 5, charge transport and no fuel.
E: No transport or fuel from Zn 4 Interconnect location.
F: Charge transport and fuel from Zn 4 to 85 Zn4A Pool (4-4), no Zn 4A transport and fuel.
G: No transport and fuel charges from Zn 4A.
H: Charge transport and fuel from Zn 4B (4B-4B), no Zn 4A transport and fuel.

R: Indicates a Receipt Point
I/C: Indicates an Interconnect in Zone 4 such as Pine View
Receipts Out of Station 85 Zone 4A Pool

A: Backhaul to Zn 3, charge Zn 4A transport and fuel, Zn 3 & 4 transport only
B: Backhaul to Zn 4, charge Zn 4A transport and fuel, Zn 4 transport only
C: Charge transport and fuel to Zn 4 (4A-4)
D: Charge transport and fuel to Zn 5 (4A-5)
E: Charge transport and fuel to Zn 4 Interconnect location (4A-4A)
F: Charge transport and fuel to 85 Pool Zn 4 (4A-4A)
G: Charge transport and fuel to Zn 4A (4A-4A)
H: Charge transport and fuel to Zn 4B (4A-4B)
General Rules for Market Area Pools:

- Transportation INTO the pools will be assessed a zonal commodity charge and FUEL
- Transportation OUT OF the pools will be free of fuel and zonal commodity charges on deliveries within the same zone
- Pool to Pool transfers at the same location will NOT be charged fuel or zonal commodity charges (no change)
- Priority of service and capacity limits will be enforced on deliveries into the pools and receipts out of the pools (no change)
- Contract rights do not change
# Pool Cut Codes

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<td><strong>Upstream Service Requester Did Not Have the Market or Submit the Nomination</strong></td>
<td>The Service Requester is told by its Transportation Service Provider that upstream Service Requester did not have the market or submit the nomination.</td>
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*Transco interpretation of NGD/NGU includes any cuts that can occur either downstream/upstream based upon capacity constraints or operator cuts.

## Tariff Reference

Pooling can be found in General Terms and Conditions Section 28.8, Rate Schedule Pooling section and the Pooling Form of Service Agreement of Transco’s FERC Gas Tariff.

## Pool Reports

**Pool Party Report** – This report shows all the pooling transactions MTD for a specific pool party on all its pooling contracts for a given production month and a given accounting month. For each transaction, the report lists nominated, scheduled, and allocated quantity for each.

**Pool Summary Report** – This report provides summarized information of pool activity for a customer. More specifically, it contains the total activity for a contract at each pool at the close each gas flow day.