Balancing Authority - the responsible entity that integrates resource plans ahead of time, maintains load-interchange-generation balance within a Balancing Authority Area, and supports interconnection frequency in real time.

Adjacent Balancing Authority - a Balancing Authority Area that is directly interconnected to another Balancing Authority Area.

Balancing Authority Area - the collection of generation, transmission, and loads within the metered boundaries of the Balancing Authority. The Balancing Authority maintains load-resource balance within this area.

Sink Balancing Authority - The Balancing Authority in which the load (sink) is located for an Interchange Transaction. (This will also be a Receiving Balancing Authority for the resulting Interchange Schedule.)

Source Balancing Authority - the Balancing Authority in which the generation (source) is located for an Interchange Transaction. (This will be the sending Balancing Authority for the resulting interchange schedule.)

Interchange Schedule – An agreed-upon Interchange Transaction size (megawatts), start and end time, beginning and ending ramp times and rate, and type required for delivery and receipt of power and energy between the Source and Sink Balancing Authorities involved in the Transaction.

Category of Service - key trade characteristic of a transmission service agreement.

Exchange - an agreement where the U.S. entity accepts delivery of imports or makes delivery of exports and later repays a foreign supplier in-kind or is being repaid in-kind for an earlier export, at times and amounts as mutually agreed.

Firm - transmission service that a supplier is obligated to provide to customers that can be curtailed or interrupted only due to an emergency.

Non-Firm - transmission service that is reserved on an as-available basis and is subject to curtailment or interruption.

Other - transmission service that is not classified as Firm, Non-firm, or Exchange.

Interchange - electricity that flows from one balancing authority area to another.

Actual Interchange - metered electricity that flows from one balancing authority area to another.