



Operational Balancing Agreements (OBAs) 101

Education Material



For information purposes only

What is an OBA?

- OBA stands for Operational Balancing Agreement (may also be referred to as Z accounts)
- Manages interconnect imbalances at a Border or Storage location:
 - If Physical Flow \neq Scheduled Quantity, customers are 'kept whole'
 - The difference is accounted for via an operational imbalance with the interconnect (OBA Account)
- Different than a Receipt or Delivery Meter Station
 - If Physical Flow \neq Scheduled Quantity, only the physical volume is allocated to customers (Supply Demand Account)



OR



How does an OBA work?

1) Physical Flow < Scheduled Quantity

- NGTL holding linepack for Interconnect
- OBA Account = Positive



For Deliveries (opposite for receipts):



2) Physical Flow > Scheduled Quantity

- Interconnect holding linepack for NGTL
- OBA Account = Negative



For Deliveries (opposite for receipts):



Gas Day Summary Report:

Pipeline System:	NGTL	
Gas Day:	2021-Aug-30	
VOLUME SUMMARY	Prorated NOM	Extrapolated VOL
EMPRESS BORDER	3,218	3,108
MCNEILL BORDER	905	901
ALBERTA-B.C. BDR	2,243	2,326
Total OBA Account (TJ)		-436.5

How are OBAs used?



Reviewed daily and balanced with interconnects



Leverage when operational flexibility required



Preposition and management of linepack

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