

August 25, 2022

Notified Market Participant Corporate Legal Name
Address Line 1.
Address Line 2.
City, Province, Postal Code.

Dear **Notified Market Participant Primary Contact:**

Re: **Nova Solar Project Connection**

The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) would like to advise you that Renewable Energy Systems Canada Inc. (RESC) has applied for transmission system access to connect its proposed Nova Solar Project (Facility) to the Alberta interconnected electric system (AIES) in the AESO South Planning Region.

The purpose of this letter is to advise you that the AESO has identified that, under credible worse case forecast conditions, the **[Effective Generation Facility Name] ([Effective Generation Facility Asset ID])** may be curtailed following the connection of the planned Facility.¹

Connection Assessment Findings

An engineering connection assessment was carried out by the AESO to assess the transmission system performance following the connection of the planned Facility. The connection assessment identified the potential for thermal criteria violations following the connection of the planned Facility, under credible worse case forecast conditions, with all transmission facilities in service (Category A). Specifically, pre-contingency generation curtailment under the Category A condition may be required using real-time operational practices to prevent generation curtailment above the Most Severe Single Contingency (MSSC) limit during Category B conditions.

In addition, thermal criteria violations were also identified when a single transmission facility is out of service (Category B) following the connection of the planned Facility. To mitigate these potential system performance issues, a new remedial action scheme (RAS), referred to as RAS 175, will be required to connect the planned Facility, which curtails the planned Facility upon activation.

The AESO may also make use of real-time operational measures to mitigate these potential system performance issues, in accordance with [Section 302.1 of the ISO rules, Real Time Transmission Constraint Management](#) (TCM Rule), which is in effect today. When applied, the TCM Rule could result in the AESO issuing directives for curtailment to source assets that are effective in managing a constraint.

The connection assessment identified source assets, including the **Effective Generation Facility Asset ID]**, which are effective in mitigating the potential transmission constraints.

For Further Information

¹ The studies were performed assuming the Rate STS, *Supply Transmission Service*, contract capacity of 150 MW.

A copy of the AESO Need Overview document is attached for your information. The AESO Need Overview describes the AESO's proposed transmission development to connect the planned Facility to the AIES.

To support the AESO's consideration of the Need for the Nova Solar Project Connection under the Abbreviated Needs Approval Process, the engineering connection assessment will be posted on the AESO website at: <https://www.aeso.ca/grid/projects/>. Stakeholders will be notified when this occurs via the AESO website and in the AESO stakeholder newsletter.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the AESO at 1-888-866-2959 or stakeholder.relations@aeso.ca

Attachments:

AESO Need Overview: *Need for the Nova Solar Project Connection in the Carseland area*

Need for the Nova Solar Project Connection in the Carseland area

Renewable Energy Systems Canada Inc (RESC) has applied to the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) to connect its proposed Nova Solar Project (Facility) in the Carseland area. RESC's request can be met by the following solution:

PROPOSED SOLUTION

- Add one 240 kV transmission line to connect the Facility to the existing 240 kV transmission line 927L in a T-tap configuration.
- Add or modify associated equipment as required for the above transmission developments.

NEXT STEPS

- The AESO intends to apply to the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) for approval of the need in mid-2022.
- The AESO's needs identification document (NID) application will be available on the AESO's website at www.aeso.ca/grid/projects at the time of its application to the AUC.

The following organizations have key roles and responsibilities in providing access to the transmission system:

THE AESO

- Must plan the transmission system and enable access to it for generators and other qualified customers.
- Is regulated by the AUC and must apply to the AUC for approval of its NID.

RESC

- Has requested transmission system access to connect the Facility.
- Is responsible for detailed siting and routing, and constructing the new 240 kV transmission line to connect the Facility.
- Must apply to the AUC for approval of its transmission facilities applications.

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- Is the transmission facility owner in the Carseland area.
- Is responsible for operating and maintaining the new 240 kV transmission line, and constructing, operating and maintaining the transmission facilities associated with the addition of the new 240 kV transmission line.
- Is regulated by the AUC and must apply to the AUC for approval of its transmission facilities applications.

WHO IS THE AESO?

The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) plans and operates Alberta's electricity grid and wholesale electricity market safely, reliably and in the public interest of all Albertans. We are a not-for-profit organization with no financial interest or investment of any kind in the power industry.

We appreciate your views, both on the need for transmission system development and proposed transmission plans. If you have any questions or comments, please contact us directly.

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