

Appendix P – Responses to April 7, 2021 Commission Staff Questions regarding the Preferred Bulk and Regional Tariff design



On April 7, 2021, following stakeholder session 5, the AESO received a letter from Commission staff attaching a list of questions (the “Commission Staff Questions”).¹ The questions were provided during the consultation period to provide the AESO with an opportunity to consider them in advance of filing this application. The questions did not originate from and were not vetted or endorsed by Commission members.²

Commission staff stated in the letter that the questions were not information requests and gave the AESO the option to answer the questions either through the stakeholder consultation process, or through its application, or not at all.

The AESO considered the Commission Staff Questions and scheduled an additional stakeholder session (session 6A) to provide responses and solicit additional feedback on areas that were of interest to multiple stakeholders, relevant to the application, or important in the context of the overall bulk and regional rate design (including rate design principles, transmission planning, and energy storage, for example).

The below table of concordance provides references to where the AESO has provided information which is responsive to the Commission Staff Questions. In some cases, the information provided is broader than the specifics of the question. For example, many of the questions are conceptual in nature, such that the AESO’s response may consist of the entirety of one section of the application. In other cases, the response is more narrowly defined, and in such cases more precise references are provided.

The subject of some questions broadly do not relate to matters or work considered or relied on by the AESO in developing the Proposed Rate design. For this reason, responses to these questions have not been provided. In several cases the answer to the question is provided in more than one source of information, and in those cases, we have endeavored to cite to the primary source for the response.

Question	Bulk and Regional Application	Appendix D NERA Expert Report	Appendix B Consultation Sessions slides	Additional Information
Design Objectives				
1.1	Para 186			
1.2		Para 128		
1.3				N/A given response to 1.2
1.4	Para 59			
1.5(a)	Para 190-191			
1.5(b)		Para 109		
1.5(c)				N/A given response to 1.2
1.5(d)		Para 124-130		
1.6(a)	Para 59			

¹ See AESO, Alberta Utilities Commission Questions to the AESO with Respect to the Preferred Bulk and Regional Tariff Rate Design (April 12, 2021), included in Appendix B.

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1.6(b)				Para 740
1.6(c)		Para 133-141	Session 6A slide 37	
1.6(d)	Para 59		Session 6A Slide 15	
1.6(e)		Para 133-141	Session 6A slide 37	
1.6(f)	Para 176	Para 246-250		
1.7	Para 59		Session 6B slide 16	
Breakdown of Bulk and Regional Transmission Costs				
2.1(a)		Para 180-183		
2.1(b)				N/A given response to 2.1 (b)
2.1(c)				N/A given response to 2.1 (b)
2.2		Para 92 – 97 and Para 115 - 141		
2.3				N/A given response to 1.2
Preferred Design				
3.1	Para 207 - 209			
3.2				N/A given response to 1.2
3.3				N/A given response to 1.2
3.4(a)	Para 94	Para 196		
3.4(b)	Para 160	Para 198		
3.4(c)				N/A given response to 3.4 (a) and (b)
3.5(a)		Para 163		
3.5(b)				N/A given response to 3.5 (a)
3.6		Para 168-171		
3.7		Para 150-157		
3.8	Para 176	Para 246-250		
3.9				N/A
3.10	Para 202			
Load Growth				
4.1(a)				N/A
4.1(a) (i)				N/A
4.1(a) (ii)				N/A
4.1(b)				N/A
4.1(b) (i)				N/A
4.1(b) (ii)				N/A

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4.1(b) (iii)				N/A
4.1(b) (iv)				N/A
4.1(c)				N/A
4.1(d)				N/A
4.1(e)				N/A
4.1(f)				N/A
4.1(g) (i)			Session 5B slides 38 and 39	
4.1(g) (ii)			Session 5B slides 38 and 39	
4.2				N/A
12 CP Demand as a Driver of Bulk and Regional Transmission Costs				
5.1				N/A
5.2	Para 91			
5.3				N/A given response to 5.5
5.4		Para 255-256	Session 6A slide 27, 28 & 29	
5.5	Para 91		Session 6A slide 27, 28 & 29	
Storage				
6.1			Session 5B slides 38 and 39	
6.2			Session 5B slides 38 and 39	
6.3			Session 5B slides 40 and 41	
6.4			Session 5B slides 38, 39 & 54 Session 6B slide 57	