

Stakeholder Comment Matrix – June 10, 2020

DER Roadmap



Date of Request for Comment: <u>June 10, 2020</u>	Contact: <u>[REDACTED]</u>
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Instructions:

1. Please fill out the section above as indicated.
2. Please respond to the questions below and provide your specific comments.
3. Email your completed comment matrix to stakeholderrelations@aeso.ca by **July 10, 2020**.

The AESO is seeking comments from Stakeholders with regard to the following matters:

Question	Answer
Did you identify any content gaps in the <i>DER Roadmap</i> ? If yes, please explain.	<p><i>The AESO should have a role in ensuring distribution tariffs are consistent with the transmission tariff</i></p> <p>Yes, the DER Roadmap does not include any discussion about the AESO’s mandate and approach to ensuring consistency between the transmission and distribution tariffs. The AESO has direct responsibility for the transmission tariff; however, the potential for inconsistent price signals between the transmission tariff and distribution rate design has led to the practice of tariff shopping (i.e. the payment of distribution transmission credits).</p> <p>We view a need and role for the AESO to ensure that there is alignment and consistency between tariff designs to provide appropriate price signals and fair cost allocation. In this respect, we believe that it is incumbent upon the AESO to take a more proactive role and intervene in distribution rate setting regulatory process to ensure that there is consistency between transmission tariffs and distribution rates designs.</p>
Did you find value in the publication of the <i>DER Roadmap</i> ? Would any additional information be helpful? How can it be improved?.	<p><i>The activities that arise out of the Distribution System Inquiry should be coordinated with the AESO’s DER Roadmap</i></p> <p>The publication of the DER Roadmap was helpful. We would like to better understand how the outcomes of the Distribution System Inquiry will be taken into account in the DER Roadmap.</p>

	<p>There is a risk that the activities of the DFOs, AUC and AESO may not be well coordinated and could result in wasted effort as each entity potentially pursues their organization's own activities and vision. We support the development of policy guidance to help focus in the efforts in towards a shared vision and goal with respect to distributed energy resources.</p>
<p>Do you have suggested changes to the activity timing in the <i>DER Roadmap</i> Integrated Plan? If yes, please be specific to why you would like to see the timing changed and what the suggested timing should look like.</p>	<p><i>Alignment of the Distribution Tariffs to the ISO Tariff should commence at the same time that the ISO tariff is reviewed</i> We generally agree with the activity timing proposed in the DER Roadmap. We would like to see specific contemplation of activities to review and the distribution rate designs with the forthcoming changes to the ISO tariff. We recommend that this be coordinated with the changes to the ISO tariff and begin concurrently to the tariff design activities.</p>
<p>Are you aware of any recent DER research/resources/information that would provide the AESO more insight on this topic? If yes, please provide details or explain.</p>	<p>No comment at this time.</p>