

**Stakeholder Comment Matrix – Sep. 10, 2020**  
**Request for feedback on proposed AESO Connection Project List & Map**



<b>Period of Comment:</b> Sep. 10, 2020 through Oct. 16, 2020	<b>Contact:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Comments From:</b> Suncor Energy Inc.	<b>Phone:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Date:</b> [2020/10/16]	<b>Email:</b> [REDACTED]

*The AESO is seeking comments from stakeholders on its proposal for modifications to the AESO Connection Project List, and the addition of a project map.*

- 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 matrix to [stakeholder.relations@aeso.ca](mailto:stakeholder.relations@aeso.ca) by Oct. 16, 2020*
- 4. Stakeholder comments will be published to [aeso.ca](http://aeso.ca), in their original state, with personal or commercially sensitive information redacted, following Oct. 16, 2020. The AESO will not be responding directly to any submissions, but submission feedback will be considered for the final product.*

	Questions	Stakeholder Comments
1.	<p>The AESO has proposed an ISD Under Review process to flag projects on the list that are reevaluating their in-service date. Do you have any comments related to this proposal? Are there potential impacts that should be considered? And why?</p>	<p>This information does not seem to materially change decisions or work processes for other projects as it only indicates an internal work process between the AESO and the specific project's MP. On that basis, <b>this information should not be shown</b> on the project list as it does not add value.</p>
2.	<p>The AESO has proposed adding the status categories and inclusion column to provide more information on the progress of projects. Does this provide adequate visibility on project progress? If not, please explain, or provide any other comments you have on these new additions.</p>	<p>Yes, the status would be an improvement to adding clarity on existing project progress in the process. Additional process may be required to allow projects to act on this new information – such as the ability to make informed decisions on connection alternatives upon status change of another project.</p>
3.	<p>Do the proposed project list changes provide more confidence in the accuracy of in-service dates? If not, please provide your comments.</p>	<p>It would provide clarity if the AESO added a 'Market Participants' column to identify the MP instead of indicating it in the Project Name. In addition, the AESO should identify the applicant for BTF projects in addition to the DFO.</p>
4.	<p>Projects may have multiple energizations that span significant periods of time. The AESO is proposing to include this information in additional columns. Do you prefer this approach? If not, please explain how you would like projects with multiple energizations to be presented.</p>	<p>Yes it would be helpful if the additional energization columns were included and updated with actual energization dates of the different stages.</p>
5.	<p>The AESO is proposing to include projects that have energized or cancelled in the previous three months on the list and map. Do you agree with this proposal? If not, please describe any additional options you would recommend.</p>	<p>Yes, in fact, it would be useful if the AESO can also provide the changes that were made to the project list for each issue.</p>
6.	<p>The AESO is proposing to provide stakeholders with an interactive map of projects on our website. Do you have any feedback related to the proposed project map?</p>	<p>There is a significant concern around the timing of providing exact location information in early project stages (prior to filing with the Commission) where consultation activities may not have completed or taken place yet.</p> <p>Location information <b>should not be made public for the early project stages</b> to allow Market Participants the ability to work with stakeholders in the siting process.</p>

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7.	Please explain in detail any additional features, functionality, or information that you would like to see made available on the project map.	<p>Can the AESO provide specific already made public transmission planning information within a map layer to assist in Market Participant planning? Information such as the following may be helpful:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Existing MP connection locations</li> <li>• Existing generation / load in planning area, generation mix information</li> <li>• Projected area capacity for load / generation for specific planning year</li> <li>• Average loss factor for planning area</li> </ul> <p>Data export functionalities from the tool would also be useful.</p>
8.	The AESO has provided guides for both the project list and map. Does the content of these guides cover any questions you may have? If not, please describe how they could be improved.	Yes, the guides were helpful in explaining the intent of the new tools.
9.	Currently the AESO provides a collection of historic project lists on the website. Do you find this historic information of value? Would providing only the current month project list be sufficient?	Yes, the historic project lists are useful for Market Participants to understand the history of a specific planning area. If storage is not an issue, it would be helpful to retain this information.
10.	Please provide any additional comments or feedback you have related to the AESO's proposed project list and map.	Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on these upcoming changes.

Thank you for your input. Please email your comments to: [stakeholder.relations@aeso.ca](mailto:stakeholder.relations@aeso.ca).