

## Stakeholder Comment Matrix – Sep. 10, 2020

### Request for feedback on proposed AESO Connection Project List & Map



**Period of Comment:** Sep. 10, 2020 through Oct. 16, 2020

**Comments From:** TransAlta Corporation

**Date:** 2020/10/16

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**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><b>What are the triggers for an “ISD Under Review” status?</b></p> <p>While TransAlta does not oppose a project status of “ISD under review”, we are not entirely clear how projects are put into this status. We note that project proponents enter the queue with an ISD and as their projects project they can make submissions to revise their ISD. We wish to better understand what action is taken by the project proponent to trigger an “ISD Under Review” status (e.g. is it the filing of a change request form or is this an assessment by the AESO based on conversations with the project proponent).</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</p>	<p>The information on the project status and inclusion status are improvements to the information presented in the interconnection queue. We support the additional visibility on project progress/status.</p>

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	these new additions.	
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><b><i>The proposed project list changes won't improve the accuracy of in-service dates but the proposed changes to the interconnection process may</i></b></p> <p>The proposed project list changes do not provide more confidence in the accuracy of in-service dates – these are driven by project development activities. However, the proposed project list changes do provide additional information that is helpful for market participants.</p> <p>Changes to the interconnection queue process and practices that will be put into effect once the 2018 ISO Tariff Compliance Filing is decided on will have a more meaningful change to the interconnection project information. We anticipate that the changes could drive market participants to make interconnection requests later for development projects given the imposition of financial consequences at earlier stages in the interconnection process. If development projects are consequentially more advanced when they do enter in the interconnection queue, we anticipate that the in-service dates may be more accurate.</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.</p> <p>Do you prefer this approach? If not, please explain how you would like projects with multiple energizations to be presented.</p>	<p>We recommend that a filter be created for projects that have multiple stages. It would also be helpful that the additional information presented in the columns provides the energization dates as well as the MW additions for each phase.</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.</p> <p>Do you agree with this proposal? If not, please describe any additional options you would recommend.</p>	<p>Yes, we support the AESO's proposal to include energized and cancelled projects in the previous three months on the list and the map.</p>
6.	<p>The AESO is proposing to provide stakeholders with an interactive map of projects on our website.</p> <p>Do you have any feedback related to the proposed project map?</p>	<p>No feedback at this time.</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><b>Add layers of transmission/distribution system and show generation interconnection capabilities of the transmission/distribution lines</b></p> <p>We would like the map to include an overlay of the transmission (and distribution) system as well as the generation interconnection capabilities/capacities on the transmission (and distribution) lines. This information would help market participants greatly in making generation siting decisions.</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.	No comments at this time.
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?	We support the AESO maintaining access to the historic project lists. This is the only repository of this information and it helps market participants track changes to those projects.
10.	Please provide any additional comments or feedback you have related to the AESO's proposed project list and map.	No comments at this time.

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