

November 06, 2024

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

Dear **Notified Market Participant Primary Contact,**

Re: **Peace Butte Wind Power Project Connection**

The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) would like to advise you that Pteragen Canada Inc. (Pteragen) has applied for transmission system access to connect its approved Peace Butte Wind Power Project (approved 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, **[Effective Generation Facility Name] ([Effective Generation Facility Asset ID])** may be curtailed following the connection of the approved Facility.

Connection Assessment Findings

An engineering connection assessment was carried out by the AESO to assess the transmission system performance following the connection of the approved Facility.¹ The connection assessment identified the potential for thermal criteria violations and the potential for voltage criteria violations on the Cassils-Bowmanton-Whitla (CBW) transmission path (240 kV transmission lines 1034L/1035L and 964L/983L), following the connection of the approved Facility, under credible worse case forecast conditions, with all transmission facilities in service (Category A).

The approved Bowmanton 244S Substation Voltage Support Project will help to alleviate the voltage criteria violations at the Bowmanton 244S substation under Category A conditions. Furthermore, the AESO has initiated system transmission development projects in the south-east and south-west planning regions that will address system performance issues².

In addition, a Category A thermal criteria violation was observed pre-Project on the 240 kV transmission line 924L and is exacerbated with the addition of the approved Facility. New Category A thermal criteria violations are observed following the connection of the approved Facility on the 138/240 kV transmission lines 880L and 927L, and 240/138 kV Bowmanton 244S T1/T2 Transformers. The AESO is developing system plans to address thermal criteria violations on the 240 kV transmission lines 924L and 927L.³ Should the AESO

¹ The studies were performed assuming the Rate STS, *Supply Transmission Service*, contract capacity of 120 MW and a Rate DTS, *Demand Transmission Service*, contract capacity of 2 MW.

² More information about these projects was provided at AESO Stakeholder Symposium held on November 30, 2023; symposium materials are available on the AESO website.

³ More information about this plan was provided at the Grid Reliability Update Stakeholder Session held on November 23, 2023; session materials are available on the AESO website

determine that mitigation is required to address potential thermal criteria violations under Category A conditions, the AESO may develop operational procedures or other mitigation measures.

In addition, thermal and voltage criteria violations were also identified when a single transmission facility is out of service (Category B) following the connection of the approved Facility. To mitigate these potential system performance issues, existing RASs 176 and 164 will be used. The total megawatts tied to RAS 164 exceeds the Maximum Severe Single Contingency (MSSC) limit. Therefore, pre-contingency curtailment of projects assigned to the RAS may be required under the Category A condition, to prevent generation curtailment above the MSSC limit during Category B conditions..

The AESO will 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 [**Effective Generation Facility Asset ID**], which are effective in mitigating the potential transmission constraints.

The AESO will continue to monitor the pace of generation development and will notify market participants if it determines that it is necessary to obtain approval for an “exception” under Section 15(2) of the Transmission Regulation. The AESO will notify market participants if and when the AESO determines it is necessary to apply to the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) for approval of such an exception.

For Further Information

The AESO Need Overview document is attached for your information. The AESO Need Overview describes the AESO’s proposed transmission development to connect the approved Facility to the AIES.

The engineering connection assessment will be included in the AESO’s Peace Butte Wind Power Project Connection needs identification document (NID) application. Following submission of the NID application to the Alberta Utilities Commission, the NID application will be posted on the AESO website at: <https://www.aeso.ca/grid/transmission-projects/>. Stakeholders will be notified when this occurs via 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: Peace Butte Wind Power Project Connection

Need for the Pteragen Peace Butte Wind Power Project Connection in the City of Medicine Hat Area

Pteragen Canada Inc. (Pteragen Wind) has applied to the AESO for transmission system access to connect its approved Peace Butte Wind Project (Facility) in the Medicine Hat area. Pteragen Wind's request can be met by the following solution:

PROPOSED SOLUTION

- Add one 138 kilovolt (kV) transmission line to connect the Facility to the existing 138 kV transmission line 600L using a T-tap configuration.
- Add or modify associated equipment as required for the above transmission developments.

NEXT STEPS

- In late 2024, the AESO may consider the need for this project for approval under section 501.3 of the ISO rules, *Abbreviated Needs Approval Process (ANAP Rule)*, or apply to the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) for approval of the need.
- The AESO will notify stakeholders via the AESO's website at www.aeso.ca/grid/transmission-projects prior to the project being considered under the ANAP Rule or prior to filing a needs identification document (NID) application with 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.
- Can approve eligible projects through the ANAP Rule and for non-eligible projects, the AESO will prepare and submit a NID to the AUC for approval.

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- Is the transmission facility owner in the Medicine Hat area.
- Is responsible for detailed siting and routing, constructing, operating, and maintaining the transmission facilities.
- 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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