

Need for the Sweetgrass Solar with Storage Project Connection

Neoen Renewables Canada Inc. (Neoen) has applied to the AESO for transmission system access to connect its proposed Sweetgrass Solar with Storage Project (Facility) in the Granum area. Neoen's request can be met by the following solution:

PROPOSED SOLUTION

- Add a substation, to be designated as Willow Creek 1132S, including three 240 kilovolt (kV) circuit breakers.
- Connect the proposed Willow Creek 1132S substation to the existing 240 kV transmission line 1038L using an in-and-out configuration.
- Add one 240 kV transmission line to connect the Facility to the Willow Creek 1132S substation.
- Add or modify associated equipment as required for the above transmission developments.

NEXT STEPS

- In mid 2025, 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 when 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.

NEOEN

- Has requested transmission system access to connect the Facility.
- Is responsible for detailed siting, routing and constructing the new 240 kV transmission line to connect the Facility to the proposed Willow Creek 1132S substation.
- Must apply to the AUC for approval of its transmission facilities applications.

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- Is the transmission facility owner in Granum area.
- Is responsible for siting, constructing, operating and maintaining the Willow Creek 1132S substation and for operating and maintaining the new 240 kV transmission line to connect the Willow Creek 1132S substation to the Facility.
- Is regulated by the AUC and must apply to the AUC for approval of its transmission facilities applications.

WHO IS THE AESO?

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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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