

ISO Rules Consultation Steps



Type	Consultation Process Step	Description
Information Gathering and Issue Assessment		
Mandatory	Step 1.0	A requirement to explore an issue or need for ISO rules changes has been identified.
Mandatory	Step 2.0	AESO issues an invitation to stakeholders to participate in the ISO rules consultation process, including a proposed Terms of Reference. The invitation may include other briefing materials. AESO requests comments from stakeholders by issuing a comment matrix in regards to the proposed Terms of Reference and briefing materials.
Discretionary	Step 3.0	AESO holds an initial stakeholder meeting (if appropriate).
Discretionary	Step 4.0	Stakeholders provide written comments to the AESO on the proposed Terms of Reference and briefing materials (if any).*
Mandatory	Step 5.0	AESO replies to stakeholder comments. AESO then determines if further consultation is appropriate.
Discretionary	Step 6.0	AESO may hold workshops and/or technical sessions (if appropriate).
Developing the Policy Position		
Discretionary	Step 7.0	AESO issues a Recommendation Paper to stakeholders for review and comment.
Discretionary	Step 8.0	Stakeholders provide written comments on the Recommendation Paper.*
Mandatory	Step 9.0	AESO replies to stakeholder comments. AESO then determines if further consultation is appropriate.
Discretionary	Step 10.0	AESO may hold workshops and/or technical sessions (if appropriate).
ISO Rules Development and AUC Filing		
Mandatory	Step 11.0	AESO drafts ISO rules changes.
Mandatory	Step 12.0	AESO issues Letter of Notice to stakeholders for draft ISO rules changes.

		AESO requests comments from stakeholders by issuing a comment matrix in regards to the Letter of Notice.
Discretionary	Step 13.0	Stakeholders provide written comments (if any) on draft ISO rules changes contained in the Letter of Notice.*
Mandatory	Step 14.0	AESO reviews all stakeholder comments. AESO then determines if further consultation is appropriate, or, if appropriate, finalizes draft ISO rules changes.
Mandatory	Step 15.0	AESO replies to stakeholder comments and invites position letters from stakeholders.
Discretionary	Step 16.0	Stakeholders provide position letters (optional) ¹
Mandatory	Step 17.0	AESO files final draft ISO rules changes with the AUC.

¹ The AESO will reply to position letters provided by stakeholders at the AESO's discretion.

* When comments are received from stakeholders, the AESO will determine whether such comments are acceptable on the basis of compliance with the AESO's consultation principles regarding good faith and respectfulness and whether such comments should be posted on the AESO website.

If comments received are determined by the AESO to be unacceptable, such stakeholder comments in their entirety (including acceptable comments) will not be posted on the AESO website, will not be replied to, and will be returned to the stakeholder.

The stakeholder providing the unacceptable comments will be provided an opportunity to amend their comments to comply with the AESO's consultation principles, and if determined by the AESO to be acceptable, will be posted on the AESO website. In order to be considered in the subject consultation, any such amended stakeholder comments must be provided to the AESO within two business days of the date the unacceptable comments were returned to the stakeholder by the AESO and must not contain new information. Comments amended as contemplated above are to be forwarded to rules_comments@aeso.ca.