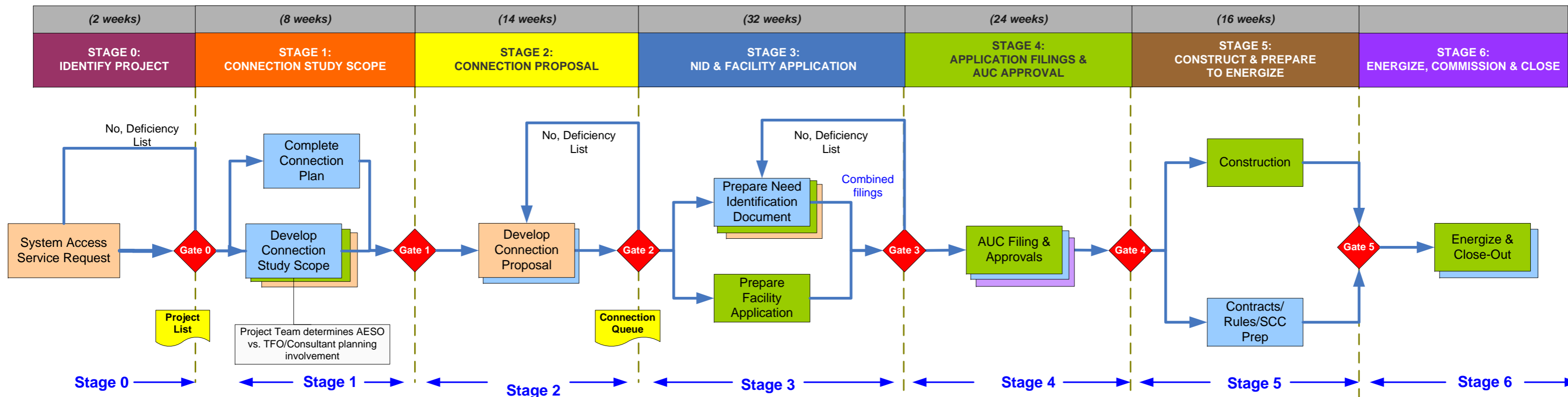


CONNECTION PROCESS OVERVIEW

(Beta Test Target Timelines)



Key Activities:

- Customer submits SASR to AESO
- AESO reviews SASR for completeness
- Customer resolves any data deficiencies if required
- Project is created

Stage 0 Gate Requirements:

- SASR is complete

Key Activities:

- Project Kick-off
- Complete Connection Plan
- Complete Connection Study Scope
- Identify AESO/TFO/Consultant involvement in connection studies and Connection Proposal
- Submit Stage 1 Project Data Update Package

Stage 1 Gate Requirements:

- Connection Plan signed by all parties
- Connection Study Scope signed by all parties.
- Stage 1 Project Data Update Package is accepted
- Non-Disclosure Agreement in place if Consultant will perform studies
- Customer is responsible for all costs associated with preparation of the Connection Proposal if not completed by the AESO
- If using TFO, Customer to provide security for all costs incurred by TFO in Stage 2
- S. 101 waiver executed or DFO actively engaged (Load only)

Key Activities:

- Connection studies completed
- Customer completes or accepts Connection Proposal
- AESO completes Stage 2 CCD
- Submit Stage 2 Project Data Update Package (manufacturer's type data)
- Customer enters into an agreement and provides security to cover costs incurred in Stage 3 & 4

Stage 2 Gate Requirements:

- AESO accepts Connection Proposal (or Customer accepts if AESO completes)
- Stage 2 Project Data Update Package is accepted
- AESO receives confirmation Customer security is in place to cover costs incurred in Stages 3 & 4

Key Activities:

- Confirm Connection Proposal is still valid
- Additional studies performed (if required)
- AESO completes FS
- AESO completes Stage 3 CCD
- AESO completes NID including Participant Involvement Program
- TFO completes PPS & FA
- Submit Stage 3 Project Data Update Package
- Customer agreement and security provided in Stage 2 reviewed and updated (if required)

Stage 3 Gate Requirements:

- FS executed and stamped
- NID compiled & ready to file
- Customer issues Letter of Support for AESO to file NID and TFO to file FA
- Generator has filed Power Plant Application with AUC
- Stage 3 Project Data Update Package is accepted
- AESO receives confirmation Customer security is in place to cover costs incurred in Stages 3 & 4

Key Activities:

- NID and FA filed with AUC
- AUC decision
- AESO completes Stage 4 CCD (if required)
- Customer enters into an agreement for Stage 5 costs with incumbent TFO
- AESO issues invoice for Generator System Contribution (Generators only)

Stage 4 Gate Requirements:

- Permit & License received
- Customer has met AESO security requirements for Stage 5 costs – Load customers pay Customer Contribution and Generators pay Customer Contribution and Generator System Contribution in cash within 90 days of AUC issuing TFO Permit & Licence

Key Activities:

- Construction of transmission facilities
- Customer and AESO sign the System Access Service (SAS) Agreement
- If required, AESO operating procedures are created or amended
- Submit Stage 5 Project Data Update Package (data required for energization)

Stage 5 Gate Requirements:

- Customer signs SAS Agreement 6 weeks prior to energization
- AESO Operating Procedures created, amended & approved (as required)
- CCD adjustments (as required)
- Transmission Trend/Change Authorizations approved (if required)
- Energization Checklist approved
- Stage 5 Project Data Update Package is accepted

Key Activities:

- Energization Checklist issued
- Energize transmission facilities
- Commissioning period where applicable
- Commissioning Certificate issued by AESO (Generators only)
- TFO finalizes project costs
- AESO completes final CCD
- Customer and TFO true up final costs
- AESO closes project

Stage 6 Gate Requirements:

- Energization Checklist issued
- Commissioning Certificate issued (Generators only)
- Final Cost & Procurement Report received from TFO (within 6 months of energization)
- Final CCD issued
- Final cost payment received (AESO owed only)
- AESO Project Closure Checklist completed

Legend
 AESO = Alberta Electric System Operator
 AUC = Alberta Utilities Commission
 CCA = Construction Commitment Agreement
 CCD = Customer Contribution Decision
 DTS = Demand Transmission Service
 FA = Facility Application
 FS = Functional Specification
 NID = Need Identification Document
 PPS = Proposal to Provide Service
 SASR = System Access Service Request
 STS = Supply Transmission Service
 TFO = Transmission Facility Owner

Document symbol denotes where projects are added to the Project List or the Connection Queue.

Lead:

- AESO
- TFO
- Customer
- AUC