

Stakeholder Comment Matrix

Development of a Proposed Amended ISO rule – Section 501.3 of the ISO rules, *Abbreviated Needs Approval Process*



Period of Comment: September 1, 2021 through October 6, 2021
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Instructions:

1. Please fill out the section above as indicated.
2. Please refer back to the “related material” on the Stakeholder Engagement page on the AESO website.
3. Please respond to the questions below and provide your specific comments, if any. Blank boxes will be interpreted as favourable comments.



The AESO is seeking comments from Stakeholders on the development of proposed amended ISO rule Section 501.3, *Abbreviated Needs Approval Process* (“Section 501.3”), with regard to the following matters:

	Development of a Proposed ISO Rule	Stakeholder Comments and/or Alternate Proposal
1.	Do you agree that the issue identified in the letter of notice requires the proposed development of amended Section 501.3? If not, why not?	Yes, EPCOR agrees with the issue identified in the letter of notice. EPCOR supports the AESO’s red tape reduction initiative.
2.	Do you agree with the potential purpose of the proposed development of amended Section 501.3? If not, why not?	Yes, EPCOR agrees with the potential purpose of the proposed development of amended Section 501.3.
3.	Do you agree with the proposed consultation and timelines? If not, why not?	EPCOR agrees with the proposed consultation and timelines for this stakeholder engagement.
4.	Do you agree with the proposed amended Section 501.3? If not, why not?	EPCOR agrees with the proposed amendments to Section 501.3 of the ISO Rules, and is supportive of the AESO’s efforts to reduce red tape, reduce regulatory burden, and ensure the efficiency of the overall connection process.
5.	Do you have any additional comments?	<p>EPCOR notes there are two Section threes in the amended Section 501.3. For ease of reference, EPCOR suggests renumbering the Sections.</p> <p>In regards to the Eligibility Assessment, Subsection 3(c), EPCOR requests clarity on whether the “system costs” mentioned include costs that are classified as system-related costs for a project that responds to a request for system access service.</p> <p>In regards to the Conditions for Approval, Subsection 3(b), EPCOR requests clarity on whether the AESO will direct the TFO to confirm that there are no anticipated, significant environmental effects.</p> <p>EPCOR requests that the AESO commit to batching Information Requests (IRs) as projects progress through the abbreviated needs approval process.</p>