

Connection Proposal Template

FAQ: June 1, 2016



A list of frequently asked questions is available for stakeholders who fill out the new connection proposal template. If you require additional information, please speak with your project manager.

1. Why is the connection template being updated?

The previous Stage 2 Connection Proposal document was published on November 21, 2013. The stage 2 Engineering Study Report (ESR) template was different from the NID ESR. As the AESO has recently updated the NID ESR template and standardized the wording in the template, it was appropriate to update the Connection Proposal ESR to streamline it with the filing documents. In order to improve the document, the AESO has reviewed the Stage 2 Connection Proposal document. The new Connection Proposal template will help to achieve better efficiencies and realize time savings in both Stages 2 and 3.

2. Which sections and sub-sections of the new Connection Proposal template are the responsibilities of the market participant?

Everything in the Connection Proposal is the responsibility of the market participant, except for the Connection Study Scope which is prepared by the AESO with input from the Transmission Facility Owner (TFO) and Market Participant (and their consultant) at Stage 1.

This is standard practice. The new template does not alter the process of completion of the Connection Proposal.

3. Will the scope of studies for any given Connection Proposal be specified by the AESO?

Yes. The scope of studies is captured in the Connection Study Scope which is completed and signed at Stage 1 of the Connection Process.

4. Would the changes proposed to the Connection Proposal template impact the target timelines for Stage 2?

No. The target timelines for completing Stage 2 stay the same.

5. What letterhead must the market participant use?

The AESO letterhead will be used on any documents prepared by the AESO. We ask that the Market Participant and their consultant use their own letterhead for the following documents:

- Engineering Study Report (ESR)
- Facility Design
- Land Impact Assessment
- Cost Estimates

6. The following questions refer to Section 5 of the template, Land Impact Assessment (LIA).

- a. How will the AESO advise market participants to prepare an LIA in the Connection Proposal?**

If an LIA is required, we will advise the market participant via email and distributed meeting minutes. We may require an LIA to be completed for all the technically feasible alternatives in Stage 2.

If an LIA is not required in Stage 2, the market participant need not complete the LIA section in the template.

b. How will the AESO determine if a LIA is required for a project?

We will assess the alternatives to determine if a LIA is required.

- 7. The cover page of the new Connection Proposal Template is organized for sign-off by three people: the preparer, the reviewer, and the approver. Can market participants approach the AESO about reorganizing it as needed?**

Yes.