The Contract Process

Process Overview

- The Contract Process is followed when a customer is making changes to the capacity or effective dates of an existing System Access Service (SAS) agreement. Connecting energy resources to the distribution system or making physical changes that require a data submission under Section 502.15 of the ISO Rules, Reporting Facility Modeling Data, will not follow this process.
- This process follows a gated approach and is designed to move projects through five consecutive stages. Projects must complete all required deliverables for a stage in order to advance to the next stage.
- Below is a list of some of the key deliverables of the Contract Process, and a high-level flowchart of important activities and the parties generally involved. Depending on the nature of the request, some deliverables and activities may not be required. These optional activities are identified with an asterisk (*).
- See Connecting to the grid on the AESO website for more detailed information on the Contract Process.

Who is involved in the process?

- Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO)
- Market Participant (MP)
- Transmission Facility Owner (TFO)
- Generation Facility Owner (GFO)

Stage 0: Application
- System Access Service Request (SASR)

Stage 1: Scope
- Project Plan*
- Study Scope*
- Stage 1 Construction Contribution Decision (CCD)
- Stage 1 Generating Unit Owner's Contribution (GUOC) Assessment (generators only)

Stage 2: Assessment
- Engineering Study Results (ESR)*
- Proposal To Proceed

Stage 3/4/5: Contract
- System Access Service (SAS) Agreement
- Energy Trading System (ETS) Setup (generators only)
- Construction Contribution Payment or Refund*
- Payment In Lieu Of Notice (PILON)*
- GUOC Payment (generators only)*

Stage 6: Close Out

* May not be required depending on the scope and complexity of the request