# **Tariff Design Advisory Group Session 13 - Summary**



Date: Friday, November 15, 2019 Time: 9:00am to 11:40am

**Location:** BP Centre, 240 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, Calgary

#### **Discussion Materials**

Prior to the session, the following materials were provided by email to TDAG members:

- Meeting agenda
- Draft TDAG Meeting Notes September 11, 2019
- Presentation on Draft Stakeholder Engagement Framework and Transmission Tariff (TT) WG Update

### **Attendees**

Representative	Company or Organization	Present?	Alternate	Present?			
Demand rate payer representation							
	Residential, farm and commercial consumers						
Richard Stout	UCA	Yes	Megan Gill	No			
Mark McGillivray	ENMAX	No	David Lenz	No			
Raj Retnanandan	CCA	Teleconference	Dustin Madsen	No			
Dan Levson	AFREA	Yes	Dave Butler	No			
	Indus	trial Consumers					
Vittoria Bellissimo	IPCAA	Teleconference	Richard Penn	No			
Grant Pellegrin	Cenovus	No	Horst Klinkenborg	No			
	Dem	and Response					
Colette Chekerda	ADC	Teleconference	Christian Lenci	No			
Surendra Singh	Alberta News Print	Yes	Christian Lenci	No			
		Load and Genera	ation				
Dale Hildebrand	Dual Use Customers	Yes	Myles Fox	No			
Kris Aksomitis	Cogeneration Working Group	Yes	Travis Tuchscherer	No			
	Distributi	ion Facility Owne	rs				
Janene Taylor	<b>ENMAX Corporation</b>	No	Tony Martino	Teleconference			
Leland Jernberg	FortisAlberta	Yes	Gerald Zurek	Teleconference			
		entatives-at-large	)				
Rick Cowburn	Canada West Ski Areas Association	Yes	Jamie Walker	Yes			
Bryan Krawchyshyn	TransCanada Pipelines	No	Mark Thompson	No			
	Other interested parties						
Transmission Facility Owners							
Hao Liu	AltaLink	Yes	Rob Senko	No			
Generators (includes renewables)							
Colin Robb	Capital Power	Yes	Akira Yamamoto	Teleconference			
Energy Storage							
Patricia Phillips			Travis Lusney	No			
Representative-at-large							

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Representative	Company or Organization	Present?	Alternate	Present?	
Tory Whiteside	Distributed Generation Working Group	Teleconference	Leonard Olien Paula McGarrigle	No Yes	
AESO					
Nicole LeBlanc	AESO	Yes			
LaRhonda Papworth	AESO	Yes			
Trushal Umrania	AESO	Yes			
Facilitator					
Karla Reesor	Moving Forward	Yes			

Guests:

Ghazaleh Tabrizi, AESO Claudia Moroianu, AESO

# Agenda

Time	# min	Agenda Items	Presenter
9:00 am – 9:15 am	15 min	<ul> <li>Introduction</li> <li>Welcome &amp; Introductions</li> <li>Session overview</li> <li>Review and approval of meeting notes from September 11<sup>th</sup></li> </ul>	Karla Reesor, Facilitator
9:15 am – 9:45 am	30 min	Discussion item:	Nicole LeBlanc
9:45 am – 10.30 am	45 min	Discussion item: Tariff Redesign Objectives  - Presentation with Q&A  - Roundtable	LaRhonda Papworth
10:30 am - 10:45 am	15 min	Break	
10:45 am – 11.15 am	30 min	Information item: Schedule  - Review work to date and future deliverables  - Update on external consulting (Navigant)	Trushal Umrania
11:15 am – 11:30 am	15 min	Discussion item: Roundtable	Karla Reesor

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Time	# min	Agenda Items	Presenter
11:30 am – 11:45 am	15 min	Review of conclusions, action items and next steps	Karla Reesor
11:45 am		Meeting adjourned	

# **Meeting Notes**

Time	Item		
9:00 am	1. Introduction		
	Nicole LeBlanc provided a short overview of the AESO transition to transformation; how the grid will be used or valued will be different in the future and how costs will be recovered will also evolve over time; want to continue to have efficient price signals in the tariff; focus now is on 2020 tariff (bulk and regional rates).  Meeting notes from September 11, 2019 were approved.		
9:10 am	2. Discussion Item: AESO Draft Stakeholder Engagement Framework		
	Nicole LeBlanc provided an overview of the AESO Stakeholder Engagement Framework (draft). The AESO is reviewing the TDAG in light of the principles noted in the Framework.		
	All are encouraged to provide feedback to the AESO on the Framework.		
	TDAG Review: participants were asked to share perspectives on what is working well on the TDAG and whether it is the most effective process, pariticularly in view of the principles in the Framework. Comments from participants included:		
	<ul> <li>Process is working well; challenge with capacity market work related to speculation on whether it would proceed</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Appreciate the process as an opportunity to share information and to better understand how planning is undertaken; much better than hearing process for building common understanding</li> </ul>		
	Process could be accelerated with AESO providing solid guidance on positions of AESO		
	Membership is always a challenge and it is particularly challenging for one company to represent its competitors who have different perspectives		
	Would like to incorporate current drivers for oil and gas industry into tariff design		
	<ul> <li>Very positive to get materials from John Martin about different scenarios</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>AESO has been more transparent in providing information to stakeholders and has helped to open the dialogue; AESO is encouraged to continue down the path of sharing information</li> </ul>		
	Stakeholders in TDAG are the most impacted by tariff compared to other stakeholders who have an interest but are less impacted		
	<ul> <li>For tariff, stakeholders fundamentally disagree on elements and AESO needs to keep in mind that the forum can be used to make the AESO application the best it can be; TDAG is not a negotiated settlement process so AESO should take what it can</li> </ul>		

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- Appreciate that AESO has been open to hearing information from other groups
- Need some tools to understand how tariff design will impact customers
- Important for AESO to hear from stakeholders on the controversial issues
- Sometimes a comment matrix would be helpful as well
- Need to consider some broader issues (e.g. what does coincident peak mean for ratepayers) and would like to have access to the scenarios
- Wires should be given more weight since they bear the cost
- Facilitator should be more assertive in limiting repetitive discussions
- Some parties are hopeful that a compromise on tariff design might be possible; it would also be an option for AESO to propose a compromise

The AESO will review the feedback and consider the engagement options. It was reiterated that consensus is not the ojective of the TDAG. The AESO will continue to engage and to seek input from stakeholders.

A comment matrix will be available for all stakeholders to provide written feedback on the effectiveness of the TDAG.

### 9:35 am

### 3. Discussion Item: Tariff Redesign Objectives

LaRhonda Papworth reviewed the proposed Tariff Redesign Objectives which are proposed as aspirational objectives as follows:

- 1) Effective long term price signals
- 2) Facilitate innovation and flexibility
- 3) Reflect accurate costs and value of grid connection and services
- 4) Explore options within legislation and regulation
- 5) Path to change that is effective and minimally disruptive

#### Comments included:

- Attention should be given to reducing costs of future builds
- AESO planners are not fully taking into consideration that customers are responding to price signals; effective long term price signals need to factor in the price response
- #3 could be more future focused
- Value of the grid has changed and will continue to change

### Next steps:

- Objectives are being confirmed to provide a high level vision of the future and context for evaluation of alternatives
- Potenial tariff concepts have been identified and will lead to actual tariff mechanisms that can be implemented to achieve the objectives
- TTWG will be evaluating the mechanisms against the objectives and will be sharing tools with TDAG members

#### 10:05 am

## 4. Information Item: Schedule for transmission tariff redesign 2020

Trushal Umrania reviewed the schedule; the anticipated next touch point to share information with stakeholders will be late January 2020, late Feburary 2020 and then April 2020. The tariff will be filed by AESO in June 2020.

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	TTWG Studies are in progress and will be made available to the TDAG.  Navigant is currently working on Juridictional and Industry Benchmarking.
10:10am	5. Meeting wrap up
	Round table – no additional matters were raised for discussion
	No action items were raised and the meeting adjourned at 11:40pm.

## Report on past action Items

#	AG Action Items	Action by	Due Date	Status
Sessio	n 11 – July 4, 2019	•		
Action Item 1	Provide input on revised TOR related to IWG.	TDAG members	On hold	On hold pending decision on continuation of IWG
Action Item 2	Provide additional nominations for the IWG. The AESO will name a Chair.	TDAG members	On hold	On hold pending decision on continuation of IWG
Session	n 12 – September 11, 2019			
Action Item 1	Revisit options for DOE and AUC to engage with the TDAG	Nicole LeBlanc	Next TDAG meeting	Report back at next TDAG meeting
Action Item 2	Clarify purpose and intended outcomes of Value of Service study	TTWG (LaRhonda Papworth)	Next TDAG meeting	Report back at next TDAG meeting
Action Item 3	Check with DFOs to gauge interest in continuing with the Implementation Working Group	Leland Jernberg	On hold	Report back at next TDAG meeting

## Action items assigned this session

#	AG Action Items	Action by	Due Date	Status
Session	Session 13 – November 15, 2019			
	No new action items			

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## **Report on Decision Items**

Session (S# + date)	(#)	AG Decision Items
2018		
August 17		Advisory Group established
S1- August 23	Decision Item 1	Advisory Group approved Terms of Reference with changes
S2 – September 6	Decision Item 2	Advisory Group approved work plans with changes
	Decision Item 3	Data Requirements Working Group struck
S3 – October 4	Decision Item 4	Capacity Cost Allocation Analysis Working Group struck
S4 – November 8	Decision Item 5	Cost Causation Working Group work struck
S5 – December 5	Decision Item 6	Terms and Conditions Working Group struck
	Decision Item 7	Data Requirements Working Group concluded
	Decision Item 8	Transmission Tariff Design Working Group struck
S7 – February 7, 2019	Decision Item 9	Approved plan for studies and data collection proposed by Tariff Design Working Group
S-9 - April 15, 2019	Decision Item 10	CCAA WG recommendation of four time blocks accepted by TDAG
S-9 April 15, 2019	Decision Item 11	Chair duties for TTWG assumed by LaRhonda Papworth
S-10 May 9, 2019	Decision Item 12	DFO Rate Design and Implementation Working Group struck
S-12 September 11, 2019	Decision Item 13	Vittoria Bellissimo (IPCAA) added to the TTWG