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Transmission Change Management

Title:	AESO Connection Process - Gate 3 Requirements for Proposed Wind Generating Facilities
Change or Update:	Update
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Communication

The AESO is providing this update to any proponents of wind generating facility projects.

Where a project proponent decides to proceed with the buildable area approval process, the AESO wishes to clarify that it is a phase 2 application, rather than a phase 1 application, that satisfies the Stage 3 *Connection Process* requirement for the filing of a power plant application. This is because it is the phase 2 application, not the phase 1 application, that satisfies all of the requirements of a conventional power plant application.

Background

In accordance with the AESO's Connection Process, the AESO files a connection NID with the Commission only after the "required deliverables" for Stage 3 of the Connection Process have been satisfied. In the case of a proposed generating facility, these deliverables include the filing by a project proponent of a power plant application, pursuant to Section 11 of the Hydro and Electric Energy Act, with the Commission.

The Commission's approval process for a power plant typically proceeds by way of a single application that the project proponent files with the Commission. However, in the case of wind generating facilities, project proponents may instead choose to proceed in accordance with the Commission's buildable area approval process, which involves two different applications: a phase 1 buildable area application, in which a buildable area for the construction of a proposed wind power plant is identified and, following approval of a phase 1 application, a phase 2 application for approval to construct and operate the wind power plant in the approved buildable area.

Additional Information

Requirements of the Connection Process can be found here.

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