

Stakeholder Comment Matrix – December 3, 2020

Proposed Final Draft of Section 505.2 of the ISO Rules, Performance Assessment for Refund of Generating Unit Owner's Contribution ("Section 505.2")



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Instructions:

1. Please fill out the section above as indicated.
2. Please refer back to the *Letter of Notice of Proposed Final Draft of Amended Section 505.2*, under the “Related Materials” section, to view the final draft proposed materials on amended Section 505.2.
3. On the sections of the rule listed below, please provide your specific comments, proposed revisions, and reasons for your position underneath (if any). Blank boxes will be interpreted as favourable comments.
4. Please be advised that general comments do not give the AESO any specific issue to consider and address, and results in a general response.

Question	Stakeholder Comments
Performance Assessment	
2(1) The ISO must assess the performance of a generating unit or aggregated generating facility as follows: (a) subject to subsection 2(b), if the revenue meter of the generating unit or aggregated generating facility recorded zero metered energy in all settlement intervals during the previous calendar year, the performance factor is 0%;	No comments at this time.

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<p>(b) for a site with 1 or more onsite generating units or aggregated generating facilities that supply electric energy for 1 or more onsite load assets and offers excess generation to the energy market on a net basis, if the revenue meter recorded zero metered energy in all settlement intervals because load growth at the site resulted in no export to the interconnected electric system, the performance factor is 100%; and</p> <p>(c) in all other cases, the performance factor is 100%.</p>	
<p>(2) The ISO must assess a performance adjustment factor for a generating unit or aggregated generating facility in accordance with the following formula if, based on the ISO's most recent information at the time of the performance assessment, energized MC is not equivalent to critical MC:</p> $\text{performance adjustment factor} = \frac{\text{ABS}(\text{critical MC} - \text{energized MC})}{\text{critical MC}}$ <p>where:</p> <p>(a) ABS is absolute value;</p> <p>(b) critical MC is, subject to subsection 2(3), the maximum capability of the generating unit or aggregated generating facility used to calculate the contribution of the legal owner of a generating unit; and</p> <p>(c) energized MC is, subject to subsection 2(3), the maximum capability of the generating unit or aggregated generating facility that the legal owner submits to the ISO in accordance with the applicable pool asset registration process.</p>	<p>No comments at this time.</p>

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<p>(3) The ISO must, if the legal owner of the generating unit or aggregated generating facility updates the critical MC or energized MC of the generating unit or aggregated generating facility with the ISO on or before October 30 of the year before the refund calculation, adjust critical MC or energized MC in the application of the formula in subsection 2(2) based on the information the legal owner provides.</p>	<p>TransAlta appreciates the AESO’s acknowledgment of the potential need for a legal owner to adjust critical MC of its generating unit over time such as for generating equipment degradation and other technical issues. The flexibility provided in the rule now contemplates and allows for the legal owner to make such adjustments to its critical MC on or before October 30 of the year. This should provide the needed and necessary flexibility to appropriately adjust MCs over time without creating hefty financial consequences with respect to GUOC refund amounts.</p>
<p>Refund of Generating Unit Owner’s Contribution</p>	
<p>3 The ISO must calculate a refund for each calendar year during the refund period as follows:</p> $\text{refund} = (\text{annual amount} \times \text{performance factor}) \times (1 - \text{adjustment factor})$ <p>where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) annual amount is as specified in the ISO tariff; (b) performance factor is the performance factor assessed in accordance with subsection 2(1) for the calendar year; and (c) adjustment factor is the performance adjustment factor calculated in accordance with 2(2). 	<p>For clarity and simplicity, the AESO should consider simply referring to the “performance adjustment factor” in the formula rather than creating a new term “adjustment factor” and then defining that term to be the “performance adjustment factor” calculated in subsection 2(2).</p>

Question	Stakeholder Comments
Preliminary Refund Assessment	
<p>4 The ISO must provide a preliminary refund assessment, along with relevant input data, to the legal owner of a generating unit or an aggregated generating facility by January 31 of the year following the calendar year to which the refund relates.</p>	No comment at this time.
Any additional comments regarding the proposed final draft of Section 505.2?	No additional comments at this time.