

July 15, 2025

Notified Market Participant Corporate Legal Name

Address Line 1.

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City, Province, Postal Code.

Dear **Notified Market Participant Primary Contact:**

Re: **Need for the Dolcy Solar + Energy Storage Project Connection**

The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) would like to advise you that Dolcy Solar Inc. (Dolcy Solar) has applied for transmission system access to connect its approved Dolcy Solar + Energy Storage Project (Facility) to the Alberta interconnected electric system (AIES) in the AESO's Central Planning Region.

The purpose of this letter is to advise you that the AESO has identified that, under credible worse case forecast conditions, the **[Effective Generation Facility Name] ([Effective Generation Facility Asset ID])** may be affected following the connection of the Facility.

Connection Assessment Findings

An engineering connection assessment was carried out by the AESO to assess the transmission system performance following the connection of the Facility. The connection assessment identified the potential for thermal criteria violations following the connection of the Facility, under credible worse case forecast conditions, with all transmission facilities in service (Category A).

Category A thermal criteria violations on the 138/144 kV (kilovolt) transmission lines 749AL, 7L132, and 7L760 were exacerbated following the connection of the facilities. New Category A thermal criteria violations were observed on the 138 kV transmissions lines 472L, 703L and on the 240 kV transmission line 962L following the connection of the Facility. Should the AESO determine that mitigation is required to address potential thermal criteria violations under Category A conditions, the AESO may develop operational procedures or other mitigation measures.

In addition, thermal criteria violations were also identified when a single transmission facility is out of service (Category B) following the connection of the Facility. To mitigate the potential Category B system performance issues, existing remedial action schemes (RASs) 134, 203, 211 and 215, planned RAS 213, and modified planned RAS 238, may be used. Once RAS 238 is modified to add the Facility to the RAS logic, the total megawatts will exceed the Maximum Severe Single Contingency (MSSC) limit. Therefore, pre-contingency curtailment of projects assigned to this RAS may be required under the Category A condition, to prevent generation curtailment above the MSSC limit during Category B conditions.

The AESO will make use of real-time operational measures to mitigate these potential system performance issues in accordance with [Section 302.1 of the ISO rules, Real Time Transmission Constraint Management](#) (TCM Rule), which is in effect today. When applied, the TCM Rule could

result in the AESO issuing directives for curtailment to source assets that are effective in managing a constraint.

The connection assessment identified source assets, including the [**Effective Generation Facility Asset ID**], which are effective in mitigating the potential transmission constraints.

The AESO will continue to monitor the pace of generation development and will notify market participants if it determines that it is necessary to obtain approval for an “exception” under Section 15(2) of the *Transmission Regulation*. The AESO will notify market participants if and when the AESO determines it is necessary to apply to the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) for approval of such an exception.

For Further Information

The AESO Need Overview document is attached for your information. The AESO Need Overview describes the AESO’s proposed transmission development to connect the Facility to the AIES.

The engineering connection assessment will be included in the AESO’s Dolcy Solar + Energy Storage Project Connection needs identification document (NID) application. Following submission of the NID application to the AUC, the NID application will be posted on the AESO website at: <https://www.aeso.ca/grid/transmission-projects/>. Stakeholders will be notified when this occurs via the AESO stakeholder newsletter.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the AESO at 1-888-866-2959 or stakeholder.relations@aeso.ca

Attachments:

AESO Need Overview: *Dolcy Solar + Energy Storage Project Connection*

Need for the Dolcy Solar + Energy Storage Project Connection

Dolcy Solar Inc., (Dolcy Solar) has applied to the AESO for transmission system access to connect its approved Dolcy Solar + Energy Storage Project (Facility) in the Wainwright area. Dolcy Solar's request can be met by the following solution:

PROPOSED SOLUTION

- Add one 240 kilovolt (kV) transmission line to connect the Facility to the existing 240 kV transmission line 948L using a T-tap configuration.
- Add or modify associated equipment as required for the above transmission developments.

NEXT STEPS

- In mid 2025, the AESO may consider the need for this project for approval under section 501.3 of the ISO rules, *Abbreviated Needs Approval Process* (ANAP Rule), or apply to the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) for approval of the need.
- The AESO will notify stakeholders via the AESO's website at www.aeso.ca/grid/transmission-projects prior to the project being considered under the ANAP Rule or when filing a needs identification document (NID) application with the AUC.

The following organizations have key roles and responsibilities in providing access to the transmission system:

THE AESO

- Must plan the transmission system and enable access to it for generators and other qualified customers.
- Can approve eligible projects through the ANAP Rule and for non-eligible projects, the AESO will prepare and submit a NID to the AUC for approval.

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- Has requested transmission system access to connect the Facility.
- Is responsible for detailed siting, routing and constructing the new 240 kV transmission line to connect the Facility to the transmission line 948L.
- Must apply to the AUC for approval of its transmission facilities applications.

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- Is the transmission facility owner in the Wainwright area.
- Is responsible for operating and maintaining the new 240 kV transmission line to connect the Facility to the existing transmission line 948L and constructing, operating and maintaining the transmission facilities associated with the transmission line 948L.
- Is regulated by the AUC and must apply to the AUC for approval of its transmission facilities applications.

WHO IS THE AESO?

The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) plans and operates Alberta's electricity grid and wholesale electricity market safely, reliably and in the public interest of all Albertans. We are a not-for-profit organization with no financial interest or investment of any kind in the power industry.

We appreciate your views, both on the need for transmission system development and proposed transmission plans. If you have any questions or comments, please contact us directly.

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