

ISO Rules

Part 500 Facilities

Division 504 Legal Owners of Transmission Facilities and Load Facilities

Section 504.5 Service Proposals and Cost Estimating



Applicability

- 1 Section 504.5 applies to:
 - (a) the **legal owner** of a **transmission facility**, except where the **person** that is eligible to apply for the construction and operation of the **transmission facility** is determined by a competitive process developed by the **ISO** in accordance with the **Act**; and
 - (b) the **ISO**.

Requirements

Service Proposal

- 2 The **legal owner** of a **transmission facility** must, when it receives a written request from the **ISO** to provide a **service proposal**, provide the **service proposal** within the time specified in the request, or within an alternative timeframe agreed to by the **ISO**.

Cost Estimate

- 3 The **ISO** may provide a written request for information to the **legal owner** of a **transmission facility** regarding the preparation of a **cost estimate** or revised **cost estimate** in a specified **accuracy range** for a **transmission facility** project as follows:
 - (a) a **needs identification document estimate**; or
 - (b) a **service proposal estimate**.
- 4 The **legal owner** of a **transmission facility** must, when it receives a written request for information from the **ISO** under subsection 3, provide a written response to the **ISO** within 15 **business days** or within an alternative time frame agreed to by the **ISO**, including:
 - (a) an estimate of the time required to prepare the **cost estimate** or revised **cost estimate**;
 - (b) an estimate of the expense required to prepare the **cost estimate** or revised **cost estimate**;
 - (c) where the **legal owner** of a **transmission facility** cannot provide the **ISO** with a **cost estimate** or a revised **cost estimate** within the **accuracy range** specified in the **ISO**'s request:
 - (i) an indication of the **accuracy range** in which the **cost estimate** can be provided; and
 - (ii) a description of the reason why the **cost estimate** can be provided within this alternate **accuracy range** but not within the **accuracy range** specified in the **ISO**'s request.

5(1) The **ISO** may, upon receiving the information described in subsection 4, make a written request that the **legal owner** of a **transmission facility** provide a **cost estimate** or revised **cost estimate** within a specified time period.

(2) The **legal owner** of a **transmission facility** must provide the **ISO** with a **cost estimate** or revised **cost estimate** requested in accordance with subsection 5(1) within the time period specified by the **ISO**, including:

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- (a) the assumptions used in preparing the **cost estimate**;
- (b) the period of time for which the **cost estimate** is valid; and
- (c) any proposed capital maintenance costs included within any **Commission** approval.

(3) The **ISO** must, when making a written request under subsection 5(1), provide the **legal owner** of a **transmission facility** with the information that the **legal owner** reasonably requires in order to prepare the **cost estimate**.

6 The most recent **service proposal estimate** provided in accordance with subsection 5 will be considered the **original budget** for the **transmission facility** project.

Post Permit and License Estimate

7(1) The **legal owner** of a **transmission facility** that provides a **cost estimate** to the **ISO** in accordance with subsection 5 must provide a **post permit and license estimate** for a **transmission facility** project to the **ISO** within one hundred and 180 **days** from the date that the **Commission** has issued all permits and granted all licences for the facilities associated with the **transmission facility** project in accordance with the *Hydro and Electric Energy Regulation*, unless the **ISO** otherwise authorizes in writing.

(2) The **ISO** may make a written request that a **post permit and license estimate** referenced in subsection 7(1) be provided in a specific **accuracy range**.

(3) The **legal owner** of a **transmission facility** must, when it receives a request from the **ISO** in accordance with subsection 7(2), provide the **post permit and licence estimate** in the **accuracy range** specified in the request.

(4) Notwithstanding subsection 7(1), where the **final energization** date of all facilities included in a **service proposal** for a single **transmission facility** project is less than 180 **days** after permit and license are granted, the **legal owner** of a **transmission facility** is not required to provide a **post permit and license estimate** to the **ISO**.

Final Cost Estimate

8(1) The **legal owner** of a **transmission facility** that provides a **cost estimate** to the **ISO** in accordance with subsection 5 must provide the **ISO** with a **final cost estimate** no later than 90**days** after **final energization** of all facilities included in a **service proposal** for a **transmission facility** project, unless the **ISO** agrees otherwise in writing.

(2) The **ISO** may make a written request that a **final cost estimate** referenced in subsection 8(1) be provided in a specific **accuracy range**.

(3) The **legal owner** of a **transmission facility** must, when it receives a request from the **ISO** in accordance with subsection 8(2), provide the **final cost estimate** in the **accuracy range** specified in the request.

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Preparation of Cost Estimates and Provision of Further Information

9(1) The **legal owner** of a **transmission facility** must ensure that any **cost estimate** provided in accordance with this section 504.5 of the **ISO rules** is accurate, complete and in an appropriate level of detail.

(2) The **ISO** may make a written request that the **legal owner** of a **transmission facility** provide additional information relating to a **cost estimate** provided in accordance with this section of the **ISO rules** within a specified time period.

(3) The **legal owner** of a **transmission facility** must provide the **ISO** with the additional information requested under subsection 9(2) within the time period specified by the **ISO**, unless the **ISO** agrees otherwise in writing.

Final Cost Report

10 The **legal owner** of a **transmission facility** that provides a **final cost estimate** to the **ISO** in accordance with subsection 8 must, as soon as practicable and no later than 180 **days** after the **final energization** of all facilities included in the **service proposal** for a **transmission facility** project, provide an accurate and complete **final cost report** for the **transmission facility** project in the same level of detail as the **final cost estimate**, unless the **ISO** agrees otherwise in writing.

Revision History

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