

ISO Tariff – Section 4 System Access Service Requests

Applicability

1 This section applies to a **market participant** who has requested a new **system access service** or changes to an existing **system access service** under:

- (a) Rate DTS, *Demand Transmission Service*;
- (b) Rate FTS, *Fort Nelson Demand Transmission Service*;
- (c) Rate PSC, *Primary Service Credit*; or
- (d) Rate STS, *Supply Transmission Service*.

Request for System Access Service

2(1) A **market participant** must apply in writing to the **ISO** to request a new **system access service** or to change an existing **system access service**.

(2) A **market participant** must make separate requests for changes to existing **system access services** at each **point of delivery** and **point of supply** at a single transmission substation.

(3) The **ISO** must not accept requests for a net change to an existing **system access services** agreement.

Review of System Access Service Request

3(1) The **ISO** must review the requirements to provide **system access service** in response to the request of a **market participant** and determine the appropriate process for providing the **system access service**.

(2) The **ISO** must determine whether providing the requested **system access service** requires the construction of **transmission facilities**.

(3) If the **ISO** determines that providing **system access service** requires the construction of **transmission facilities**:

- (a) the **ISO** must determine the connection project scope, assign the project to a **legal owner** of a **transmission facility** and confirm the process for completing the connection project for the project; and
- (b) the **market participant** must at all times, throughout the **system access service** request process, satisfy the **financial obligations** required by section 5 of the **ISO tariff**, *Financial Obligations for Connection Projects*.

(4) If the **ISO** determines that providing **system access service** does not require the construction of **transmission facilities**:

- (a) the **ISO** must assess whether the request can be accommodated on the existing **transmission system** and, if so, must proceed to prepare an amendment to the **market participant's** agreement for **system access service**; and

- (b) the **ISO** may require payment of an amount determined in accordance with section 9 of the **ISO tariff**, *Changes to System Access Service After Energization*.

Preparation of Connection Proposal

- 4(1)** The **market participant** is responsible for, and may work with the **legal owner** of the **transmission facility** or other parties in the preparation of the connection proposal which must include:
- (a) the facility design document, including an estimate of project costs and a single-line diagram of the proposed **transmission facilities**;
 - (b) technical studies for the connection project; and
 - (c) any required land and environmental impact assessments.
- (2)** The **ISO** may, notwithstanding subsection 5(1) above, complete the technical studies for a connection project when the **ISO**:
- (a) anticipates the impact on the **transmission system** may be significant; or
 - (b) is planning **transmission system** development in the area and must include the connection project in the integrated development plan.
- (3)** The **ISO** must, if it considers it necessary, complete one (1) **loss factor** study for a connection project, at no cost to the **market participant**, but must charge the **market participant** \$2 500 for each additional **loss factor** study the market participant requests, if any.
- (4)** The **market participant** is responsible for any other studies required to support the connection proposal and the **ISO** must provide the **market participant** with **ISO** information required for the studies.
- (5)** The **ISO** must, upon receipt of a complete connection proposal, including all required studies:
- (a) review the proposal;
 - (b) identify and communicate to the **market participant** any deficiencies to be addressed by the **market participant**; and
 - (c) accept the connection proposal after deficiencies, if any, have been addressed.
- (6)** The **ISO** must include the connection project in the **ISO**'s connection queue upon:
- (a) accepting the connection proposal;
 - (b) receiving the technical data required for the preparation of the **needs identification document** for the connection project; and
 - (c) receiving confirmation from the **legal owner** of the **transmission facility** that the **market participant** has met the **financial obligations** of section 5 of the **ISO tariff**, *Financial Obligations for Connection Projects*.

Preparation of Needs Identification Documents and Facility Applications

- 5(1)** The **ISO** is responsible for, and may work with the **legal owner** of the **transmission facility** or other parties in, the preparation of a **needs identification document** as required for the connection project.

(2) The **ISO** may direct the **legal owner** of the **transmission facility** to assist in preparing the **needs identification document** by:

- (a) completing a participant involvement program;
- (b) providing an estimate of project costs; and
- (c) completing other studies for the connection project.

(3) The **ISO** may direct the **legal owner** of the **transmission facility** or request a **market participant** to prepare a facility application for the connection project, when the **ISO** includes the connection project in the **ISO's** connection queue.

Submissions to the Commission

6(1) The **ISO** must submit to the **Commission** the **needs identification document** for the connection project.

(2) The **legal owner** of the **transmission facility** or the **market participant** must submit to the **Commission** the facility application for the connection project.

(3) The **ISO** must work cooperatively with the **legal owner** of the **transmission facility** or the **market participant**, as applicable, to facilitate all submissions to the **Commission**.

(4) The **ISO** must:

- (a) review a potential requirement for any new or revised section of the **ISO rules** identified during the preparation of a **needs identification document** or facility application for the connection project; and
- (b) draft a new or revised section of the **ISO rules** and submit it to the **Commission** if applicable.

Requirement of Market Participant to Act

7(1) The **ISO** must establish critical requirements for a connection project, including payment of:

- (a) any **construction contribution** determined under section 8 of the **ISO tariff**; and
- (b) any **legal owner's** contribution for a **generating unit** or an **aggregated generating facility** determined under section 10 of the **ISO tariff**.

(2) A **market participant** must meet the critical requirements the **ISO** establishes.

(3) The **ISO** may, if a **market participant** fails to meet the critical requirements:

- (a) cancel the **system access service** request;
- (b) reassess the inclusion of the project in the **ISO's** connection queue; or
- (c) amend the critical requirements.

(4) A **market participant** may reapply for the **system access service** under subsection 2 above, if the **ISO** cancels a **system access service** request.

Alternative Processes

8 The **ISO** may, with the agreement of the **market participant**, satisfy the provisions of this section 4 through processes other than those described above and, in particular, alternative processes may be utilized when the **ISO** anticipates the impact on the **transmission system** may be significant.

Revision History

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