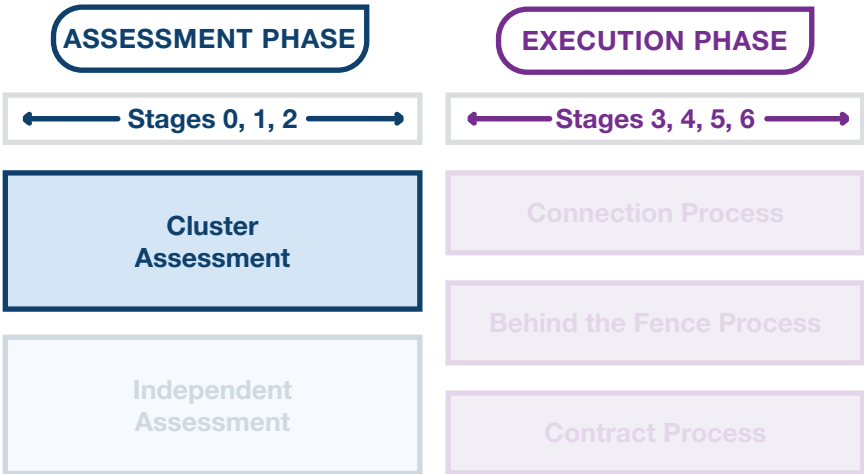


# The Cluster Assessment Process

## PROCESS OVERVIEW

- The Cluster Assessment Process is followed by generation or energy storage projects that propose to inject at least 5 MW of new or additional flow into the Alberta interconnected electric system (AIES) at the facility's connection to the AIES. The project could be connecting to either the transmission or distribution system.
- The process involves a review of the application, and then preliminary and detailed assessment information is provided to the market participant. There is a decision point for the market participant in each stage, and if they would like to proceed, they must provide the required payment or financial security by the deadline.
- Below is a list of some of the key deliverables and a high-level flowchart of important activities showing the parties generally involved.

See the **Cluster Assessment** page on the AESO website for information about the upcoming Cluster Assessment and the application deadline.



### Who is involved in the process?

- Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO)
- Market Participant (MP)
- Transmission Facility Owner (TFO)

