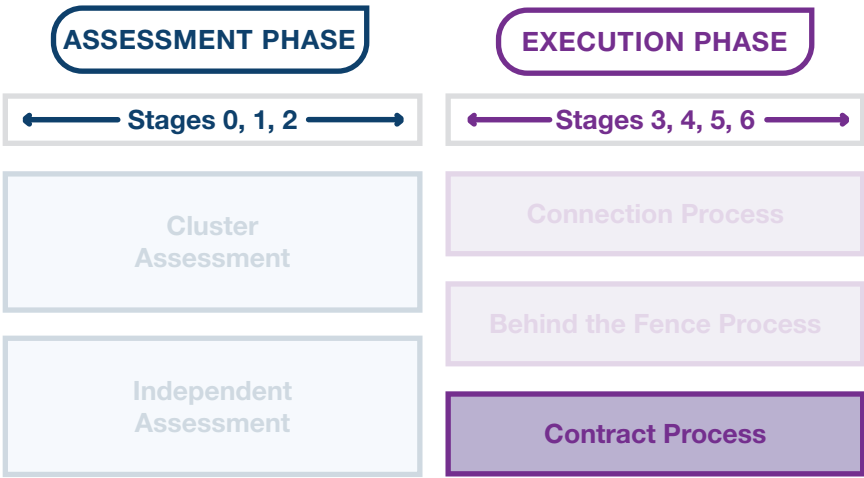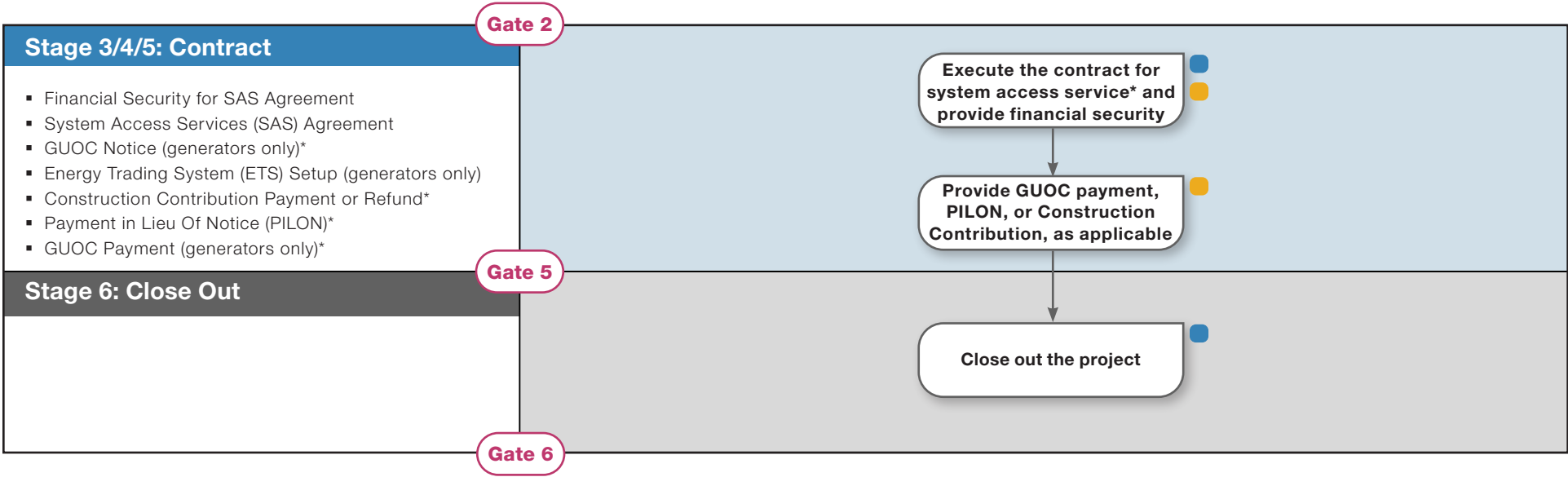# The Contract Process

PROCESS OVERVIEW

- The Contract Process is followed when a customer is changing or terminating an existing System Access Service (SAS) agreement.
- The process follows a gated approach, and projects must complete all required deliverables for a stage in order to advance to the next stage.
- Below is a list of some of the key deliverables and a high-level flowchart of important activities showing the parties generally involved. Depending on the nature of the request, some deliverables and activities may not be required. These optional activities are identified with an asterisk (*).

See the **Contract Process** page on the AESO website for more information.

ASSESSMENT PHASE	EXECUTION PHASE
◄── **Stages 0, 1, 2** ──►	◄── **Stages 3, 4, 5, 6** ──►
Cluster Assessment	Connection Process
Independent Assessment	Behind the Fence Process
	Contract Process

Who is involved in the process?

🔵 Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) 🟡 Market Participant (MP) 🟢 Transmission Facility Owner (TFO)

Stage 3/4/5: Contract

- Financial Security for SAS Agreement
- System Access Services (SAS) Agreement
- GUOC Notice (generators only)*
- Energy Trading System (ETS) Setup (generators only)*
- Construction Contribution Payment or Refund*
- Payment in Lieu Of Notice (PILON)*
- GUOC Payment (generators only)*

Stage 6: Close Out

Gate 2

Execute the contract for system access service* and provide financial security 🔵🟡

Provide GUOC payment, PILON, or Construction Contribution, as applicable 🟡

Gate 5

Close out the project 🔵

Gate 6

* May not be required depending on the scope and complexity of the request.