



# Decision on Interconnection Process Enhancements 2023 – Track 1

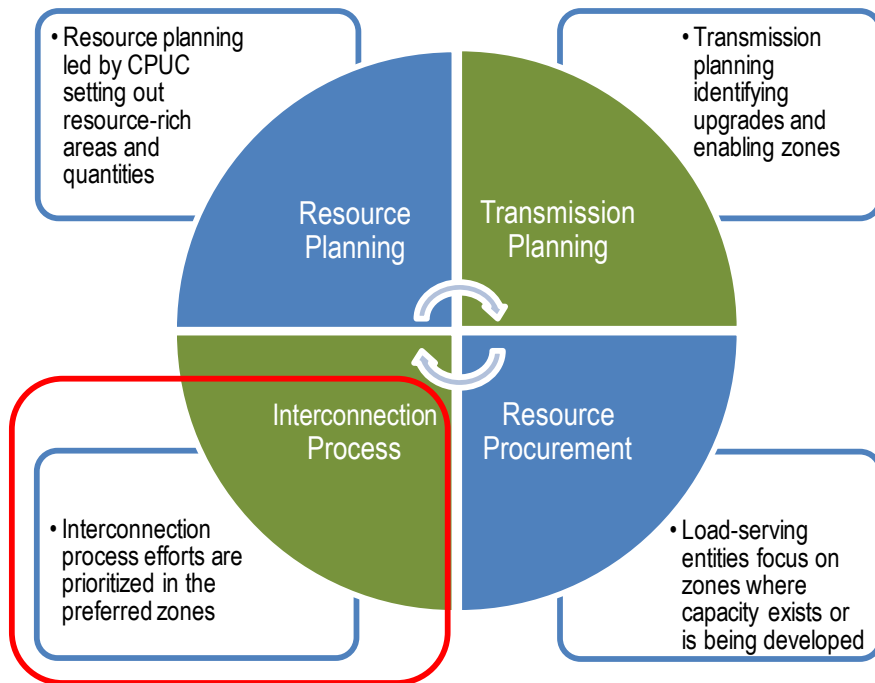
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# Today: Requesting approval of initial tariff changes to set the stage for broader transformative changes

- Adjusts the timing of processing the Cluster 15 interconnection requests received in April (Track 1)
- Enables the development of the broader transformative changes (Track 2)
  - Leading to December Board of Governors meeting
- Allows for the timely processing of detailed studies for Cluster 14 resources that applied in 2021
  - With a modest adjustment

# The ISO's interconnection process stakeholder initiative is based on the strategic direction established with the CPUC and CEC

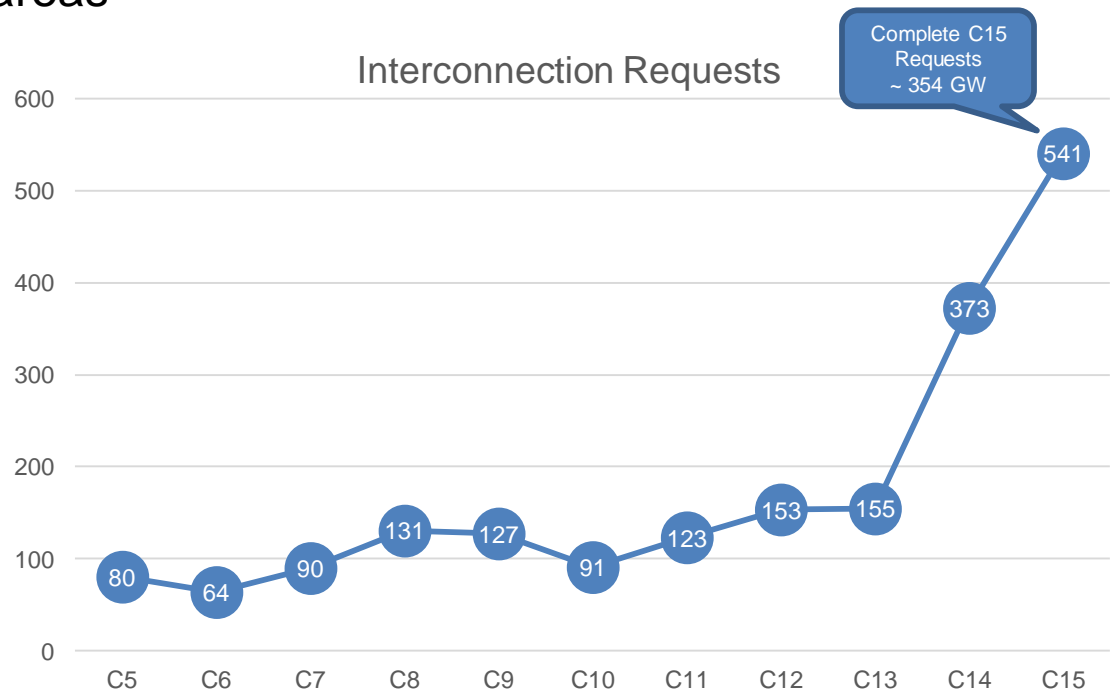


The strategic direction was established in the CPUC/CEC/ISO Memorandum of Understanding signed in December, 2022 to:

- *Tighten the linkage between resource and transmission planning, procurement direction, and the ISO interconnection process*
- Create formal linkage between CEC SB 100/IEPR activities and the ISO and CPUC processes
- Reaffirm the existing state agency and single forecast set coordination

# Current circumstances have reinforced the need for these transformative changes

- Over 7,000 MW per year is called for in the CPUC portfolios for the ISO's 2023-2024 planning cycle
- Interconnection requests continue to skyrocket
  - many in areas not part of state resource plans, and in excessive volumes even in those areas
  - Cluster 15 greatly exceeded last year's informal survey results of about 300 expected requests



## Proposed Track 1 changes:

1. Postpone processing of Cluster 15 interconnection requests (validation, project scoping meetings and studies) to the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2024
2. The ISO will not accept Independent Study Process (ISP) interconnection requests until Cluster 15 has received its phase-I study results.
3. Revise Cluster 14 phase II study report deadline from November 24, 2023 to January 31, 2024.