

Comment Template for the Annual Policy Roadmap Process

This is a comment template for the Annual Policy Initiatives Roadmap process based on the discussion of the proposed changes for the development of the Annual Policy Initiatives Roadmap process on the Oct 25 call. The purpose of this form is to understand what stakeholders like to do with existing submissions. Do not use this form to request or propose initiatives for 2024. Such requests can be made in our 2024 Annual Roadmap and Catalog process page. Please email comment template to ISOStakeholderaffairs@caiso.com at your earliest convenience.

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1. The ISO is considering two options to assess submissions from the 2023 Catalog for inclusion in future Catalogs: (1) allow stakeholders to resubmit any previous submissions that remain a priority for them and that align with ISO strategic goals, or (2) convene stakeholder working groups to review 2023 Catalog submissions and identify and group submissions that should be prioritized. Please note your preference or describe an alternative option.

SCE appreciates the CAISO's effort on exploring efficiencies for the CAISO Catalog process.

SCE supports CAISO starting with a new catalog

SCE agrees with CAISO that there is an overwhelming list of proposed initiatives in the catalog and CAISO should reevaluate the current population of outstanding submissions which could be outdated or moot and no longer needed. The remaining submissions can then be included in a new catalog as CAISO has proposed though SCE does not believe CAISO should start with a new catalog every year. The CAISO should retain initiatives while periodically evaluating the catalog to ensure that it is a repository of policy ideas that remains fresh and useful. A lack of retention of material may be misconstrued as the CAISO being unreceptive toward issues that are important to stakeholders. In the past, the CAISO had used a voting system to rank the popularity of certain proposals. This method could be used again to retain the submissions that have the most support in the stakeholder community.

SCE supports CAISO's annual catalog process

SCE supports CAISO periodically refreshing the catalog, annually is certainly a good starting target but CAISO should adjust as necessary, providing stakeholder workshops and prioritization meetings at the beginning of the refresh. SCE believes this is a needed improvement to the existing process because it gives stakeholders the ability to be involved in the prioritization with the opportunity to present their initiatives to the stakeholder community.

However, to make this new process a success and to get stakeholders engaged, CAISO must ensure that there is a portion of resources dedicated to fulfilling critical/urgent requests that might not fall within the CAISO's Strategic Goals. Including the disclaimer that initiatives will only be considered if they align with

CAISO's Strategic Goals makes this new process appear to still be ineffective and based on only CAISO's wants and not of stakeholders. Stakeholders will lose confidence in this new process if CAISO does not make these changes. SCE recommends that CAISO prioritize certain submission as "high priority" based on the positive impacts it has on the market and the broad support it gets from stakeholders even if it does not fall within CAISO's Strategic Goals.

Finally, SCE notes that the CAISO's perspective on Strategic Goals is one perspective of many. The stakeholder community has their own perspectives on what goals should be prioritized strategically. For the CAISO to only prioritize its perspective of strategic goals would be akin to the CAISO writing public comments for all stakeholders. This would run contrary to the spirit of stakeholder participation in enhancing the energy markets.

2. Please provide any additional feedback on the proposed Catalog and Roadmap process described in the October 24, 2023 stakeholder update call.

SCE does not have any additional comments.