




# Transmission Planning Process Phase 3 - Revise Competitive Solicitation Project Proposal Fee

Stakeholder Meeting  
June 8, 2023

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# Today's Agenda

Time	Topic	Presenter
1:00 – 1:05	Welcome and stakeholder process	Kaitlin McGee
1:05 – 1:20	Background and Straw Proposal	Steve Ritty
1:20 – 1:45	Questions	Steve Ritty
1:45 – 2:00	Next steps and initiative schedule	Kaitlin McGee

# CAISO Policy Initiative Stakeholder Process



We are here

# Background

- Each project sponsor that submit project proposals to be evaluated in the Transmission Planning Process Phase 3 competitive solicitation process must provide an initial deposit to pay for the ISO's costs in evaluating the project proposal.
- Sponsors are required to provide a \$75,000 initial deposit.
  - The ISO may bill each sponsor up to an additional \$75,000.
  - Each project sponsor is responsible for its pro rata share of the actual costs, up to a 'not to exceed' cap of \$150,000.
  - Any costs above the cap are absorbed by the ISO
  - Excess deposits are refunded to the project sponsors.

## Background (continued)

- The existing cost structure has been in place since 2014.
- Anticipated that the current ‘not to exceed’ cost cap will not be sufficient to cover future evaluations.
  - ISO anticipates going forward the process will rely more heavily on contractors as the number of competitive projects increase.
  - Projects being considered for competitive solicitation are becoming more complex.

# Historical Costs to date:

TPP Plan Years	Project	Number of Sponsors Proposals	Evaluation cost per proposal
2103-2014	Miguel	1	\$ 15,056
	Suncrest	2	\$ 130,286.27
	Desert Link	3	\$ 144,901.05
	Delaney - Colorado	5	\$ 106,071.78
	Estrella SS	4	\$ 51,526.09
	Spring SS	3	\$ 55,303.92
	Wheeler Ridge SS	4	\$ 37,794.81
	2018-2019	Gates Voltage Support	10
Round Mtn. Support		14	\$ 37,293.30
2021-2022	Manning SS	4	\$ 112,783.01
	Collinsville SS	4	\$ 119,574.83
	Metcalf-SJB DC project	5	\$ 84,117.22
	Newark-NRC DC project	6	\$ 63,923.50



# Straw Proposal

- Increase the initial deposit for each competitive solicitation project sponsor application to \$100,000.
- Remove the ‘not to exceed’ cap of \$150,000 and each project sponsor will pay for its pro rata share of the actual costs the ISO incurs.
- Excess deposits will continue to be refunded to the project sponsors.

This proposal:

- will apply to the projects eligible for competitive solicitation recently approved by the ISO Board of Governors in the 2022-2023 Transmission Plan.
- is in line with other ISO’s competitive solicitation processes

# Proposed schedule

Date	Milestones
<b>6/1/2023</b>	Issue Paper & Straw Proposal Posting
<b>6/8/2023</b>	Stakeholder Call
<b>6/22/2023</b>	Comments Due
<b>7/5/2023</b>	Final Proposal Posting
<b>7/18/2023</b>	Board of Governors Meeting

## Additional information

- Visit initiative webpage for more information:  
<https://stakeholdercenter.caiso.com/StakeholderInitiatives/transmission-planning-process-phase-3-revise-competitive-solicitation-project-proposal-fee>
- If you have any questions, please contact  
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May 16, 2023  
*Summer conditions*

**2023 Summer Loads and Resources Assessment has been posted**

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