



California ISO

Interconnection Process Enhancements (IPE) 2023 Track 1 Final Proposal

Stakeholder Meeting

May 1, 2023

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Today's Agenda

Time	Topic	Presenter
9:00 – 9:05	Welcome and stakeholder process	Kaitlin McGee
9:05 – 10:00	IPE 2023 Introduction and Track 1	Bob Emmert
10:00 – 10:30	IPE 2023 – Track 1 proposed Tariff changes	Bill Weaver
10:30 – 10:45	Next steps and initiative schedule	Kaitlin McGee

CAISO Policy Initiative Stakeholder Process



This represents the typical process, and often stages of the process run in parallel.

We are here

The need for change through IPE 2023 initiative

- We are driving to implement transformational reforms to the Generator Interconnection and Deliverability Allocation Procedures (GIDAP) and break down barriers to efficient and timely resource development.
- These changes are needed to achieve the state's vastly accelerated pace of new resources that must be connected to the grid
- This is essential for California to meet its reliability and SB 100 goals in a timely and cost-effective manner.
- Overheated cluster 15 reinforces the need for change.
 - Cluster 15 received about 545 interconnection requests – far surpassing the Cluster 14 supercluster's 373 requests.

Context for IPE 2023 Initiative

- The IPE 2023 initiative is part of a larger set of foundational framework improvements being coordinated among the CPUC, CEC, and ISO.
 - The strategic direction is set forth in a joint Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed in December 2022.
 - It sets the direction for tightening linkages among resource and transmission planning activities, interconnection processes and resource procurement.
- The ISO is now taking on additional reforms to the interconnection queue process to leverage improved coordinated planning set out in the MOU and break down barriers to efficient and timely resource development.

The IPE 2023 Initiative has two tracks

- Track 1 will focus on immediate adjustments to the Cluster 15 schedule.
 - Allows for completion of Cluster 14 phase II studies and for Track 2 changes to be put in place.
 - Take to Board in May.
- Track 2 will focus on the changes to the GIDAP cluster study process needed to achieve the MOU goals.
 - To be completed prior to resuming the Cluster 15 interconnection request validation and study processes.
 - Will determine process and schedule for Clusters 15, 16, etc.
 - Take to Board in Dec.

Track 1 final proposal for treatment of Clusters 14 & 15 – with adjustments to align with proposed tariff changes

- Majority of stakeholders support, some ask for clarifications.
 1. Accept Cluster 15 interconnection requests during the normal April 3 – April 17 open window and perform completeness review.
 2. Postpone validation of Cluster 15 interconnection requests, project scoping meetings and studies. New schedule TBD in Track 2.
 - Interconnection customers may withdraw interconnection requests any time prior to April 1, 2024 – receiving a refund of its study deposit, including interest earned, minus any costs expended under the GIDAP.
 - Interconnection customers that submitted a site exclusivity deposit will receive a complete refund of its deposit, including interest.
 - Interconnection customers may modify their interconnection requests between May 1, 2024 and proposed Sept. 26, 2024 validation due date.
 - Cluster 16 schedule TBD in Track 2.

IPE 2023 Track 1 (cont'd)

- Revise Cluster 14 phase II study report deadline to Jan. 31, 2024.
 - Second interconnection financial security postponed an equal number of days.
 - Next transmission plan deliverability allocation cycle postponed to allow Cluster 14 to participate.
- The CAISO will not accept Independent Study Process (ISP) interconnection requests until Cluster 15 has received its phase-I study results.
 - Per GIDAP tariff and BPM requirements ISP electrical independence tests for new ISPs must wait for Cluster 15 study results.
 - Holding off on accepting new ISP interconnection requests ensures ISP projects do not get ahead of any process modifications developed in track 2.

IPE 2023 Track 1 – Other Issues for Consideration for long lead time resources

- No unique study process or schedule will be provided for offshore and out-of-state wind resources.
- ISO transmission planning process and PTO transmission interconnection process addressing their immediate needs.
- No stakeholder opposition to proposal.

NEXT STEPS

IPE 2023 Track 1 Initiative Schedule

Date	Development Milestones
3/6/2023	Issue paper and straw proposal published
3/13/2023	Stakeholder conference call on issue paper and straw proposal
3/27/2023	Stakeholder comments due
4/10/2023	Publish draft tariff language & final proposal
4/24/2023	Stakeholder comments due on draft tariff language & final proposal
5/1/2023	Stakeholder conference call on tariff language & final proposal
5/17/2023	Board of Governors meeting

The schedule for Track 2 will be communicated in the Track 2 straw proposal. To meet the proposed schedule for implementing process changes ahead of commencing Cluster 15 phase I studies, it is anticipated that Track 2 would need to be presented to the Board of Governors in December 2023.

Additional information

- Visit initiative webpage for more information:
<https://stakeholdercenter.caiso.com/StakeholderInitiatives/Interconnection-process-enhancements-2023>
- Subscribe to the Daily Briefing to receive updates on IPE Track 2 :
<http://www.caiso.com/informed/Pages/Notifications/Subscribe.aspx>
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