



Decision on interconnection contract management enhancements

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Interconnection Contract Management Enhancements

1. “ISO as an Affected System” Study Agreement

- The ISO is becoming increasingly impacted by generators connecting in neighboring systems
- Propose to implement a new agreement to provide a consistent mechanism for a study and study deposit

2. Clarifying rights to retain all Interconnection services upon retirement

- Currently, ISO only defines deliverability retention rights following retirement or shut-down of a generating facility
- Propose to make interconnection service retention rights coincident with deliverability retention rights

3. Adjust timeline for ISO to tender study plans to Interconnection customers requesting a repower study

- Currently, ISO has 10 days to tender study plan to a customer
- Propose to adjust timeline to 30 days from date data is deemed valid

4. Clarify repower language regarding Interconnection of generating units

- Adjust language to distinguish between modification and repower processes

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5. Allow projects to align commercial operation dates with Power Purchase Agreements

- Currently, projects that elect to proceed without a power purchase agreement and seek a deliverability allocation are prohibited from extending their commercial operation date
- Propose that if a project executes a power purchase agreement, that project will be permitted to align its commercial operation date with such agreement

6. Allow project conversions from other resource types to 100% storage

- Currently, projects may only convert a portion of the facility to storage
- Propose to allow projects to convert up to 100% storage

7. Align processes for “serial” projects with current “cluster” projects

- Currently, inconsistencies between modification and re-study processes
- Propose to remove inconsistent treatment, which will streamline processes

8. Revise the Effective Date of Generator Interconnection Study Process Agreements

- Currently, effective date is the date the interconnection request is *submitted*
- Propose to change the effective date to when the request is *deemed complete*

Management recommends the Board approve the proposed interconnection contract management enhancements.

- ISO received favorable comments and suggestions from stakeholders
 - ISO was able to clarify or implement such comments
 - No anticipated issues going forward with the majority of changes being administrative with stakeholder concurrence
- Improves effectiveness and timeliness of contract and study-related processes
- Improves transparency and clarifies existing requirements
- Improves the processes and procedures to help California and the west to continue to meet public policy goals while protecting ratepayer costs