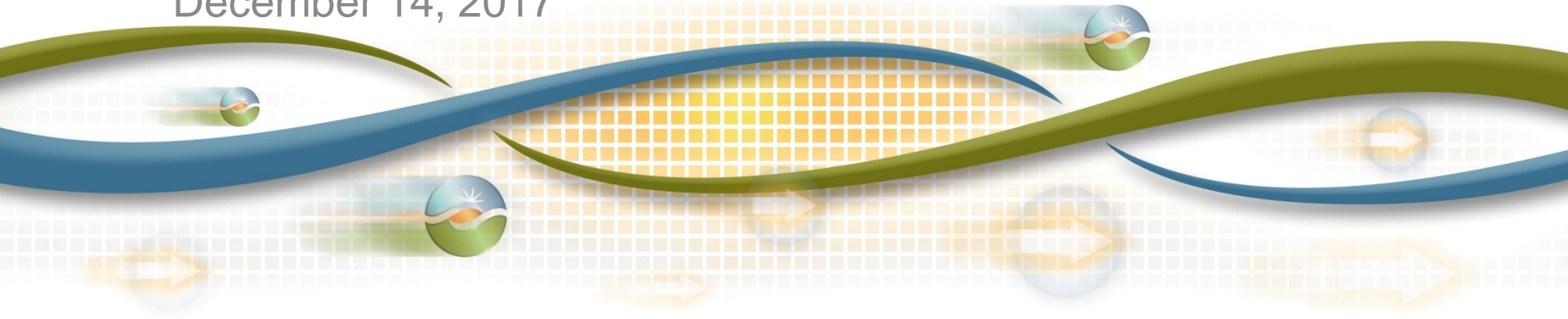




# Decision on expedited Generator Interconnection and Deliverability Allocation Procedure (GIDAP) enhancements

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# Management is proposing two changes to the generator interconnection and deliverability allocation procedure

1. Extended parking opportunity for Interconnection Customers
2. Shorten the month-long interconnection request window to enable more time for request validation

## Enhancement #1 - Extend parking opportunity for interconnection customers

- Transmission plan deliverability (TPD) is needed for a project to be eligible as an RA resource.
- Projects must receive a TPD allocation in the ISO's study process and requires a PPA or being shortlisted for a PPA.
  - If project does not qualify, it may “park” for one year and seek an allocation in the following year's process.
  - If project does not receive an allocation after parking, it must convert to energy only or withdraw from the queue.
- Interconnection customers have requested additional time to park and seek a PPA.

# Proposed parking extension

The ISO proposes to extend the parking option period for one additional year when the following criteria are met:

## **Criterion 1:**

- A project will only be allowed to park for a second year when there is TPD still available in the project's area.

## **Criterion 2:**

- If a project has a network upgrade assigned to it, which is needed by a later cluster project, parking for a second year will not be allowed.
- If a project has a network upgrade assigned to it, which is needed by another project within its cluster, parking is only allowed if all projects sharing the network upgrade opt to park.

## **Tendering of an Interconnection Agreement**

To mitigate risk to a PTO, a project must come out of parking status to be tendered a GIA, including the first year and second year of parking.

# Preliminary snap-shot assessment of proposed parking criteria

- Currently 30 Cluster 8 projects are parked.
- 20 of the 30 projects would have opportunity to park for a second year.
- Final determination of C8 project's opportunity to park for a second year will be based on the results of the annual allocation study in March 2018.

## Enhancement #2 – Shorten the month-long interconnection request window to enable more time for interconnection request validation.

- Meeting current tariff mandated interconnection request (IR) validation timelines has become challenging.
  - IRs have become increasingly varied and complex.
  - The number of IRs seeking to modify their project during the validation process has increased.
- The ISO proposes to shorten the month-long IR window to enable more time for IR validation without impacting the overall interconnection process timeline.

# The ISO proposes to shorten the cluster application window and increase the validation period.

	<b>Current Timeline</b>	<b>Proposed Timeline</b>	<b>Tariff Section</b>
<b>IR/Application Window Opens</b>	April 1	April 1	3.3.1
<b>IR/Application Window Closes</b>	April 30	April 15	3.3.1
<b>IR Validation</b>	Within 20 BDs after close of application window	No later than May 31	3.5.2.2
<b>Pro-forma Study Agreement to Interconnection Customer</b>	Within 30 CD after close of application window	No later than May 31	6.1.1
<b>Scoping Meeting held</b>	Within 60 CD after close of application window	No later than June 30	6.1.2

BD = Business Days. CD = Calendar Days. Deadlines falling on non-BDs move to next BD.



# Stakeholders generally support the proposed enhancements but some concerns remain

- Supportive of extended parking
  - Provides more time for developers to obtain a purchase agreement.
  - Provides benefits to LSEs' RPS procurement process.
  - Some requested further changes that will be considered in IPE 2018.
- Opposed to extended parking
  - Allows projects to linger in queue unnecessarily.
  - Increases risk to PTOs having to back-stop network upgrade financing.



Management recommends the Board approve the proposed enhancements to the GIDAP.

- Broadly supported by stakeholders.
- Provide interconnection customers with the improved opportunity for receiving transmission plan deliverability.
- Improve the effectiveness of the interconnection request window.