

# Memorandum

**To:** ISO Board of Governors  
**From:** Neil Millar, Vice-President, Infrastructure & Operations Planning  
**Date:** March 13, 2024  
**Re:** **Transmission development forum update**

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***This memorandum does not require ISO Board of Governors action.***

This memorandum provides an update on the most recent transmission development forum held on January 31, 2024, where the status of transmission network upgrade projects that affect generators and all other transmission projects approved in the ISO's transmission planning process is provided, and changes from the previous forum are reviewed. It also provides an update on schedule changes for future transmission development forums.

## **DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

The ISO, in coordination with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and the participating transmission owners, initiated the transmission development forum in January 2022. The purpose of the transmission development forum is to create a single forum to track the status of transmission network upgrade projects that affect generators and all other transmission projects approved in the ISO's transmission planning process.

The transmission development forum was previously held quarterly with stakeholder calls held in 2023 on January 25 (first quarter), April 25 (second quarter), July 25 (third quarter) and October 25 (fourth quarter). Starting in 2024, the transmission development forum has shifted to being held twice a year with the latest held on January 31 and the second one scheduled for July 31. This is to coordinate with the CPUC's Transmission Project Review Process initiated on January 1, 2024, as a part of the Commission's Resolution E-5252.

For each transmission development forum, two workbooks are posted, listing all of the approved transmission projects through the ISO's annual transmission planning process and the transmission network upgrade projects required through the generator interconnection process to interconnect the generator or provide deliverability for the generator.

The workbooks presented in Attachment 1 and 2 provide information related to the original in-service date and the current expected in-service dates for the approved

transmission expansion projects and the transmission network upgrade projects respectively.

Table 1 provides the number of projects for each of the participating transmission owners where the in-service date of the transmission projects and network upgrades have changed from the second quarter to the third quarter transmission development forum.

Table 1 In-service date changes from first quarter to second quarter

	In-service Date Advanced			No Change	In-service Date Delayed		
	< 6 months	6 to 12 months	> 1 year		< 6 months	6 to 12 months	> 1 year
<b>Approved Transmission Expansion Projects</b>							
PG&E	7	2	3	64	9	4	5
SCE	1	0	0	25	0	4	1
SDG&E	0	0	0	10	5	0	0
VEA/GLW	0	0	0	2	1	0	0
<b>Network Upgrade Projects</b>							
PG&E	6	3	2	22	3	2	5
SCE	0	0	0	8	0	4	2
SDG&E	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VEA/GLW	0	0	0	1	0	0	0

## POSITIONS OF THE PARTIES

There continues to be significant stakeholder support for the transmission development forum.

No stakeholders submitted comments on the January 31, 2024 transmission development forum.

## CONCLUSION

The ISO continues to work with the participating transmission owners to respond to stakeholder comments on specific transmission projects and the format of the transmission development forum. The next transmission development forum is targeted to be held on July 31, 2024.