



Decision on Initial Interconnection Process Enhancements

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Interconnection Process Enhancement stakeholder initiative for 2018 (IPE 2018) identified 25 topics*

General Topical Area	# Topics*
Clarify and simplify deliverability	6
Address impact of retirements on energy storage	1
Various improvements to the generator interconnection agreements	4
Revisions to interconnection financial security and clarification of cost responsibility	6
Improve efficiencies and transparency interconnection requests	2
Clarify and provide transparency regarding project modifications	6

* 24 require tariff changes

IPE 2018 topics have tentatively been staged into three policy tracks.

➤ **Track 1**

- July ISO Board Meeting
- 7 topics

➤ **Track 2**

- September ISO Board Meeting
- 14 Topics

➤ **Track 3**

- November ISO Board Meeting
- 3 Topics

Management proposes seven enhancements

1. Exempt Participating Transmission Owners from posting financial security for generation projects they are developing and are connecting to their own system.
2. Revise the interconnection agreement to clarify that modification requests to resources that are already commercially operating will be based on tariff criteria
3. Revise the interconnection request to incorporate execution of the generation interconnection study process agreement

Management proposes seven enhancements (cont.)

4. Add a tariff requirement for interconnection customers to provide power purchase agreements when required
5. Increase repower and serial re-study deposit to \$50,000
6. Clarify in tariff that new interconnecting projects and existing resources converting to participating generator status must go through the new resource implementation process
7. Revise initial financial security posting requirements if upgrades identified in Phase 1 study are determined not be needed prior to posting deadline.

Most stakeholders support the enhancements

- Comments were received from 19 entities:
 - Able Grid, Avangrid, CalWEA, CESA, EDF-R, First Solar, Golden State Clean Energy, Invenergy, ITC Holdings, LS Power, MID, NRG, ORA, PG&E, SCE, SDG&E, Six Cities, sPower, and Wellhead
- PTO Posting
 - CalWEA recommended PTOs continue to file at FERC
- Study Deposit
 - CalWEA and sPower recommended using the median versus the maximum

Management recommends the Board approve the proposed generator interconnection enhancements

- Improve efficiencies for interconnection process
- Facilitates additional transparency for customers
- Clarifies modification requirements for generating facilities
- Improve customers awareness of new resource implementation process
- Reduce financial posting amounts when upgrades are no longer required