



California ISO

Decision on revised competitive solicitation project proposal fees

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Eligible transmission facilities are subject to the ISO's competitive solicitation process.

- Following Board approval of the transmission plan, the ISO solicits proposals to finance, construct, own, operate and maintain transmission facilities that are:
 - 200 kV and above, and
 - not upgrades to, or replacements of, existing transmission facilities
- Participants in this process pay their pro-rata share of the ISO's costs (capped at \$150,000) of selecting an approved project sponsor
 - Initial \$75,000 deposits required with each proposal
 - ISO can bill up to an additional \$75,000

Management proposes to revise the competitive solicitation project proposal fees

- Propose to raise initial deposit to \$100,000
 - The current \$75,000 deposit has been exceeded in several instances
- Propose to eliminate the 'not to exceed' \$150,000 cap
 - Anticipated to be insufficient to cover future evaluations
 - Ensures costs are recovered from competitive solicitation participants
 - FERC has authorized others to recover actual costs

Stakeholders did not voice any objections to the proposal

- During the stakeholder call held on June 1, 2023, there were no objections voiced regarding the proposal
- Following the call, the ISO received only one set of stakeholder written comments, which voiced full support for the proposal

Management recommends approval of revising competitive solicitation project proposal fees

- These changes ensure the ISO has access to the resources necessary to effectively and efficiently conduct its competitive solicitation process given the expected number and complexity of future competitive solicitations. The changes will also ensure the costs are fully recovered from participants in the competitive solicitation process.