



California ISO

Ancillary Services Focus Group


Stakeholder Focus Group

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Today's Agenda

Time	Topic	Presenter
1:00 – 1:05	Welcome and introductions	Yelena Kopylov-Alford
1:05 – 1:15	Focus Group Goals, Background and Issue Identification	Isabella Mahein
1:15 – 1:30	Review of stakeholder feedback	Isabella Mahein
1:30 – 2:00	Revised proposal to address AS Testing Requirements	Isabella Mahein Priyanka Namburi
2:00 – 2:30	Open discussion	All
2:30 – 2:45	Next steps	Yelena Kopylov-Alford

Goals of Today's Focus Group

The Focus Group structure is meant to embrace flexibility to allow organic and robust conversation on a specific topic with the goal of driving towards a solution collaboratively.

- 1. Provide background on reason for focus group**
- 2. Review stakeholder feedback themes from the March 31 Focus Group session**
- 3. Discuss revised proposal to address testing requirements for AS certified fleet**

Background and Issue Identification

- Under Tariff Section 8.10, the ISO shall periodically conduct announced tests of resources providing Ancillary Services.
 - The frequency of testing shall be within such time frames as are reasonable under all the circumstances.

Problem Statement: Under current available market mechanisms, the ISO faces challenges ensuring testing of 100% of its resources certified to provide Ancillary Services within such time frames as are reasonable under all the circumstances. This has led to a need to evaluate alternative ways to validate that AS resources can appropriately respond to and provide their certified AS amounts.

Feedback Themes from Focus Group #1

- Clarity requested surrounding the penalties and consequences surrounding non-performance under an attestation
- Clarity requested on whether the attestation requirement would inform or impact the frequency of AS testing and/or performance audits
- Attestations should be signed by the resource owner as opposed to the scheduling coordinator

Revised Proposal:

ENSURING 100% OF CERTIFIED A/S FLEET HAS VALIDATED THE ABILITY TO RESPOND

Proposal for ensuring validation of A/S response

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Proposed solution:

- Within 60 days upon notification from CAISO, the scheduling coordinator (SC) must submit to CAISO an attestation signed by the Resource Owner on the resource's ability to provide AS services.
 - Failure to submit the signed attestation within 60 days of receiving the notification may result in suspension or revocation of the resource's A/S certification.
 - Resources subject to the revocation of A/S certification will need to go through the re-certification process.

Open Discussion

NEXT STEPS

AS Focus Group Schedule

Date	Development
05/05/25	Focus group meeting #2
05/19/25	Comments due
06/26/25	Focus group meeting #3 (If needed)
07/10/25	Publish final procedure

**Dates are tentative and subject to change.*

Next Steps

- Please submit comments on and meeting discussion to ASnotifications@caiso.com due by end of day **May 19, 2025**
- If you have any questions, please contact isostakeholderaffairs@caiso.com

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