

# Memorandum

**To:** ISO Board of Governors  
**From:** Neil Millar, Vice-President, Infrastructure & Operations Planning  
**Date:** October 22, 2025  
**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 July 30, 2025. The transmission development forum provides an opportunity to review the status of transmission projects approved in the ISO's transmission planning process as well as transmission network upgrade projects that affect generators.

## 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 originally held quarterly with stakeholder calls held in 2022 and 2023. Starting in 2024, the transmission development forum shifted to twice a year, with stakeholder calls held in January and July. This shift enabled better coordination 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 providing deliverability.

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

has changed from the January 29, 2025, to the July 30, 2025, transmission development forum. As illustrated within the table, a number of transmission projects and network upgrades have had their in-service dates advanced; however, a greater number of projects have had their in-service dates delayed.

Table 1. In-service date changes from previous (January 29, 2025) to most current (July 30, 2025) meeting

|                                          | 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 |
| Approved Transmission Expansion Projects |                          |                |          |           |                         |                |          |
| PG&E                                     | 12                       | 5              | 5        | 53        | 26                      | 10             | 11       |
| SCE                                      | 3                        | 1              | 2        | 15        | 2                       | 2              | 13       |
| SDG&E                                    | 2                        | 0              | 1        | 8         | 1                       | 1              | 1        |
| VEA/GLW                                  | 0                        | 0              | 0        | 0         | 2                       | 1              | 0        |
| LSPower                                  | 1                        | 0              | 0        | 5         | 2                       | 0              | 0        |
| Lotus                                    | 0                        | 0              | 0        | 1         | 0                       | 0              | 0        |
| HWT                                      | 0                        | 0              | 0        | 2         | 0                       | 0              | 0        |
| Network Upgrade Projects                 |                          |                |          |           |                         |                |          |
| PG&E                                     | 3                        | 3              | 5        | 30        | 12                      | 3              | 7        |
| SCE                                      | 1                        | 0              | 0        | 10        | 0                       | 2              | 1        |
| SDG&E                                    | 1                        | 0              | 0        | 0         | 0                       | 0              | 0        |
| VEA/GLW                                  | 0                        | 0              | 0        | 0         | 0                       | 1              | 0        |

## POSITIONS OF THE PARTIES

There continues to be significant stakeholder support for the transmission development forum. Stakeholders submitted comments after the July 30, 2025 transmission development forum related to:

- Specific questions related to PG&E, SCE, and LS Power projects: The ISO is coordinating with PG&E, SCE, and LS Power to provide responses to these questions.
- A request that the regulator status information provided be more specific regarding the type of permitting application. The ISO will continue to coordinate with the transmission owners as to where more specific information can be included in the workbooks.

## 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 January 28, 2026.