

Memorandum

To: ISO Board of Governors
From: Neil Millar, Vice-President, Infrastructure & Operations Planning
Date: December 6, 2023
Re: Transmission Development Forum update

This memorandum does not require ISO Board of Governors action.

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 is currently held quarterly with stakeholder calls held in 2023 on January 25 (first quarter), April 25 (second quarter) and July 25 (third quarter) with the fourth quarter call held on October 25, 2023. Starting in 2024 the transmission development forum will shift to being held twice a year, at the end of January and July, to coordinate with the CPUC's Transmission Project Review Process to be initiated on January 1, 2024 as a part of the CPUC'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 of provided 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 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
Approved Transmission Expansion Projects							
PG&E	2	10	12	34	13	14	11
SCE	0	0	0	26	0	3	2
SDG&E	0	1	0	12	2	0	1
VEA/GLW	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Network Upgrade Projects							
PG&E	3	3	0	16	4	5	7
SCE	1	0	0	7	4	1	1
SDG&E	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VEA/GLW	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

POSITIONS OF THE PARTIES

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

Stakeholder comments from the October transmission development forum were primarily related to additional information of specific projects and for updated status of projects to file an application at the CPUC for a permit to construct, certificate of public convenience and necessity, or to submit a notice of construction.

There was also continued request to increase the transparency of the forum, to provide a review the all projects and to review the need of project with significant delays. The ISO continues to update the information provided in the stakeholder calls and workbooks as required. In addition the ISO reviews the need for the previously approved projects on a case by case basis within the ISO's annual transmission planning process. The intent of the transmission development forum is to provide an update on the projects and present on what has changed from the last quarterly transmission development forum. The information on all of the projects is included in the workbooks posted on the ISO webpage.

CONCLUSION

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