<u>Stakeholder Comment Matrix – May 14, 2020</u> Request for feedback on sub-hourly settlement, session 1 material



Period of Comment: Apr. 23, 2020 through May 14, 2020

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The AESO is seeking comments from stakeholders on its approach to reviewing sub-hourly settlement, and content from session 1.

- 1. Please fill out the section above as indicated.
- 2. Please respond to the questions below and provide your specific comments.
- 3. Email your completed matrix to stakeholder.relations@aeso.ca by May 14, 2020
- 4. Stakeholder comments will be published to aeso.ca, in their original state, with personal or commercially sensitive information redacted, following May 14, 2020.

	Questions	Stakeholder Comments
1.	In an effort to narrow the scenarios for implementation cost estimates, the AESO provided analysis that indicated, based on past observations, that a 15 minute interval would be the easiest to implement and that there were limited economic gains to be made from reducing the settlement interval to 5 minutes. - Do you have comments related to the analysis presented? - Would you suggest additional analysis be completed to better understand the benefits of a shorter settlement interval?	Moving to sub-hourly settlement (5-minute) would allow for more detailed demand calculations, which could incentivise some consumers to be more mindful of their overall consumption patterns. Increased data resolution would, in turn, allow for a better balance of grid supply to market demand. This could also lend itself well to demand-side management initiatives, and perhaps other conservation programs. For dispatchables, it really makes sense to have the granularity of data at say every 5 minutes to determine the true market cost. Five-minute data is a much better representative and offers the best price signals. We believe that the additional analysis that should be done is looking at other jurisdictions that use sub-hourly settlement and the effects that 5 minute and 15 minute have.
2.	In an effort to narrow the scenarios for implementation cost estimates, the AESO provided assessments that sub-hourly settlement for all generation and load sites with interval meters could be mandatory and cumulative meter sites could be billed using: a) new shaping to account for 15 minute settlement or b) remain on an hourly billing approach with a true up payment. - Do you have comments related to the participation approach suggestion made by the AESO? - Do you have comments related to the true-up analysis presented by the AESO? - Would you suggest additional analysis be completed to better understand participation options?	Rodan Energy does not have a comment on this.

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3.	At the session the AESO presented information, based on historical observations that suggested a move to sub-hourly settlement would provide limited economic benefits to load and generation in Alberta.	See Question 1
	- Do you have comments related to the analysis?	
	 Do you have comments related to the qualitative benefits that would be provided to the market from a move to sub- hourly settlement? 	
	 Do you have suggestions on how the AESO could estimate the future benefits of sub-hourly settlement that could be included in the economic evaluation? For example, approaches to estimate load / generation operation changes? 	
	 Do you believe the sub-hourly settlement initiative should continue to be pursued by the AESO and industry? 	
4.	At the session the AESO presented information that suggested energy market bids / offers could continue to be made on an hourly basis. Do you have comments related to this element of the analysis?	No comment
5.	At the session the AESO presented information that suggested energy dispatch could continue to be made on an as-needed basis regardless of the settlement interval. Do you have comments related to this element of the analysis?	No comment
6.	Cost question – given the narrowing of implementation options noted in questions 1 and 2, if your cost estimates will have changed from what you provided subsequent to session one, would you please provide an update here. LSAs and MDMs please do not answer; the AESO will be contacting you for participation in an additional session.	Rodan Energy is an MDM and therefore does not have a comment
7.	At the session, the AESO explored potential impacts to other areas. Are there other potential impacts that should be considered and why?	No comment



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8.	Please provide any other comments you have related to the subhourly settlement engagement.	Rodan proposes that no matter what sub-hourly interval is chosen for the Alberta market, the AESO should commence a transition to a 5-minute interval metering standard. This transition can commence immediately for new market participants, new metering installations and meters that require change out over the next 4 to 6 years or so. It will be a gradual process with minimal cost (since meters already have this capability), but with huge benefits.
		The aim would be to:
		1. Over time, obtain more refined data due to the added granularity.
		2. Have in place the metering that could support evolving markets and programs and to better handle new resources seeking to enter the market over the next 3 to 5 years.
		3. Allow the AESO to operate almost in real time should they elect to move to 5-minute settlement now or at some point in the future.

Thank you for your input. Please email your comments to: stakeholder.relations@aeso.ca.