

Stakeholder Comment Matrix – September 23, 2020
Request for feedback on sub-hourly settlement, session 3 material



Period of Comment: September 23, 2020 through October 7, 2020	Contact: [REDACTED]
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The AESO is seeking comments from stakeholders on its approach to reviewing sub-hourly settlement, and content from session 3.

- 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 October 7, 2020***
- 4. Stakeholder comments will be published to aeso.ca, in their original state, with personal or commercially sensitive information redacted, following October 7, 2020.***

	Questions	Stakeholder Comments
1.	<p>The AESO has presented the costs and benefits on sub-hourly settlement. Do you believe there are other considerations that should have been considered? Do you have comments related to the material the AESO presented?</p> <p>If yes, please elaborate.</p>	<p><i>TransAlta supports the AESO's evidence-based decision-making approach</i></p> <p>TransAlta thanks the AESO for taking a measured and considered approach to the analysis. We appreciate that the AESO's inclination was to consider sub-hourly settlement a "superior market design" and that it was necessary to check this presumption against a reasonable estimate of the expected benefits and costs.</p> <p>We appreciate the hard work that was invested to perform the analysis and welcome this type of evidence-based decision-making approach. This approach went further than the typical qualitative and subjective evaluation of alternatives against selected criteria that is often used by the AESO.</p>
2.	<p>The AESO's decision is to not pursue sub-hourly settlement at this time. Do you have comments related to this decision?</p>	<p><i>TransAlta supports the AESO's decision not to pursue sub-hourly settlement</i></p> <p>TransAlta strongly supports the AESO's decision not to pursue sub-hourly settlement at this time. The AESO's sensitivity about imposing additional costs on industry at a time with heightened economic uncertainty is warranted and appreciated.</p>
3.	<p>Do you think there is value in further exploring payment to load on the margin given the benefits and issues identified?</p> <p>If yes, please describe if you would be willing to participate and what topics should be explored and why.</p>	<p><i>Yes, TransAlta would like to participate in exploring payment to load on the margin</i></p> <p>TransAlta is interested in exploring the payment to load on the margin for energy storage. Energy storage is highly price sensitive load that can respond even faster than 5-minute dispatch. Moreover, energy storage resources are solely dedicated to the delivery of electricity products (energy and operating reserves) and, as such, have fewer impediments/constraints from bidding their load consumption into the market than other industrial loads.</p>

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4.	<p>Do you feel you have been able to adequately participate and provide comments to the AESO through this engagement? If no, please describe your concerns.</p>	<p><i>Yes, the AESO provided ample opportunity to participate in this engagement.</i></p> <p>The AESO's engagement provided several opportunities to gather stakeholder feedback including during the presentation, through written comments, and even through separate meetings at the stakeholder's request. TransAlta provided written feedback throughout and took the opportunity to discuss differences between the AESO's and our own internal analysis of benefits. The AESO posted some of its data publicly on its website and endeavored to compare results and explain where differences may arise.</p> <p>We have no concerns about the AESO's engagement approach as we believe that it met the spirit and intent of the AESO's engagement principles.</p>
5.	<p>Do you believe the AESO was effective in the preparation and presentation of the material? If no, please provide suggestions for the improvement of future engagements.</p>	<p><i>Yes, the AESO provided its presentation material ahead of each stakeholder session. Posting data sources along with presentation material would be appreciated in future consultations.</i></p> <p>We commend the AESO for posting its presentations ahead well in advance of each stakeholder session. The need to post this material early is increased in circumstances where the subject covers a lot material, are technical or analytical in nature, or deal with subjects with various perspectives covered. By posting this information early, stakeholder have a better opportunity to familiarize themselves with the content and focus the stakeholder session on clarifying questions or expressing more informed views, which ultimately leads to more efficient and valuable stakeholder meetings.</p> <p>The AESO also provided data sources when requested. We would suggest that this information can be posted along with the presentation materials that present the AESO's analytical results. This helps stakeholders to perform their own analysis using the same data sources as the AESO and can minimize time being spent to gather information.</p>
6.	<p>Please provide any other comments you have related to the sub-hourly settlement engagement.</p>	<p>No other comments at this time.</p>

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