Stakeholder Comment Matrix - March 30, 2021

Request for Feedback on 2021-Q2 2022 Plan for Market-Related Initiatives



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Instructions:

1. Please fill out the section above as indicated.

2. Please respond to the questions below and provide your specific comments.

3. Please submit one completed evaluation per organization.

4. Email your completed comment matrix to stakeholder.relations@aeso.ca by April 20, 2021.

The AESO is seeking comments from Stakeholders with regard to the following matters:

	Questions	Stakeholder Comments
1.	Are there any additional market-related initiatives that in your view require the AESO's and stakeholders' attention in 2021 / 2022 that are not listed in the 2021-Q2 2022 Plan for Market-Related Initiatives?	In general, the conception and design phases for the market initiatives that are interdependent should be closely aligned and the timelines should be adjusted as needed. This includes the following:
		 DERs market participation, energy storage long term markets participation, and OR review
		- Energy storage long-term markets participation and OR review
		There are also other interrelated topics that remain outstanding (self-supply and export), are being consulted on (AESO's bulk and regional tariff design), or expected to be discussed in the near future (Alberta Department of Energy's survey on energy storage, <i>Transmission Regulation</i> , etc.) which could further impact the scope and timelines.
2.	Do you have suggested changes to the timing of initiatives in the 2021-Q2 2022 Plan schedule? If yes, please be specific to why you would like to see the timing changed and what the suggested timing should look like.	ENMAX encourages the AESO to continue pursuing priority initiatives which are justifiable and relevant to the market. The scope for each initiative should be clearly defined and well understood by the market. Unless a clear cost benefit analysis is conducted and it is determined that the benefits of introducing a change would outweigh the costs, the market-related initiative should not be pursued at this time or it needs to clearly be the first step in the initiatives development process.
		There are also a number of parallel processes currently being held by the AESO or considered in industry (see above) which are highly interdependent, and it may be more appropriate to shift the timeline of certain initiatives to ensure decisions are not made in isolation without having considered all of the knock-on effects.



3. Do you have any other suggestions or comments you would like to share with the AESO related to the 2021-Q2 2022 Plan for Market-Related Initiatives?

Transparency of Market-Related Initiatives

As the AESO's schedule evolves and the decision is made to add, delay or remove a certain market-related initiative to the list, stakeholders should be provided with the rational and justification behind the AESO's decisions. This would ensure transparency to the market and visibility to those that may not necessarily have been involved in the detailed discussions regarding a particular topic. This may result in more frequent updates (e.g., quarterly) to the Market-Related Initiatives document which would enhance communication and transparency with market participants.

More Detail Required for Planning Purposes

While the Market-Related Initiatives schedule is helpful to understand at a high level what main topics are likely to be consulted on by the AESO from now until Q2 2022, the information provided is rather simplistic and does not necessarily reflect enough detail to be used for internal resource planning purposes. For instance, while the AESO has indicated that enabling the long-term markets participation of energy storage will impact more than 30 ISO rules, this is not made evident in the schedule.

It would be helpful if the schedule provided more detail regarding the timelines and listed the number stakeholder engagement opportunities the AESO anticipates holding in each month or quarter.

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