

IESO Stakeholder Engagement

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Response to SE-109 June 4, 2014 Session

Speaking from the perspective of a Load

Auto Advanced Approval

The Auto Advanced Approval mechanism for Distribution Equipment is ideal for loads. Nearly all of our outages involve maintenance work that requires transformers to be unloaded. We may be working on those unloaded transformers and associated switchgear or may use station equipment to provide isolation for downstream equipment in our plant. These outages create little or no impact on the grid operation and the use of Auto AA outage management will save time and effort for the IESO while providing the flexibility required to integrate station work with our production processes.

Reportable Equipment

A few years ago, we sat down with a group from the IESO and reviewed the pieces of equipment in our Substation that the IESO considered reportable. The list was long and detailed and it was difficult to understand why all of the items were required. Through discussions, the IESO found that elements could be combined, especially in consideration of our system structure as a radial feed for our facility. The result was a shortened list that satisfied the IESO's requirements and was workable for our outage management.

I see no reason why that same list should not be transferred to the new software system for outage management.

Thank you,

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