

Feedback Form

Long-Term RFP – July 21, 2022

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Following the July 21st public webinar on the Long-Term RFP, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is seeking feedback from participants on: Municipal Council Support Resolution, Contract Design, Revised Timelines, and the Deliverability Test Guidance Document.

The referenced presentation can be found on the [Long-Term RFP webpage](#).

Please provide feedback by August 4, 2022 to engagement@ieso.ca.

Please use subject header: **Long-Term RFP**. To promote transparency, this feedback will be posted on the [Long-Term RFP webpage](#) unless otherwise requested by the sender.

The IESO will work to consider and incorporate comments as appropriate and post responses on the webpage.

Thank you for your contribution.

Municipal Council Support Resolution

Topic	Feedback
<p>Please provide any feedback on the IESO’s proposal to change the Municipal Council Support Resolution from a mandatory requirement to a rated criteria.</p>	<p>TransAlta supports the removal of a mandatory requirement for a Municipal Council Support Resolution. However, TransAlta does not agree with changing this requirement to a rated criteria. We understand that part of the decision to make this change was driven by the concern that this could have impacts on municipalities and linkages to their permitting processes. We do not agree that changing this requirement into a rated criteria would address this concern as we would expect that the 70 applicants that have proposed over 900 potential projects will all seek to apply for Municipal Council Support Resolutions for their projects so that they can be afforded the highest chance of success through higher rated criteria scores and will overwhelm municipalities with applications.</p> <p>We agree that a Municipal Council Support Resolution will be likely be required in any event to permit Expedited and LT1 RFP; however, beyond specifying that this will be required for any successfully awarded project we see no need to require such a Resolution in the project submissions or evaluation stages of this procurement process.</p>

Proposed Contract Design

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<p>Please provide any feedback on the potential use of indexing in the contracts and what indices (if any) may be best suited for these procurements.</p>	<p>TransAlta supports the inclusion of an inflation index to adjust contract revenues.</p>

LT1 RFP and Expedited Process: Revised Timelines

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Please provide feedback on the proposed revised timelines and whether these seem appropriate.	TransAlta is not clear what the IESO has done with respect to same facility expansions or the timeline or process that it is proposing for that procurement. The IESO has only initiated the qualification stages for its expedited and LT1 RFP processes but it appears that it is proposing to have expansions to be submitted on August 30, 2022. To be clear, the IESO has not explained what its proposal for same facility expansions is nor any schedule for that process (other than the date by which the commercial operations should be achieved).

Deliverability Test Guidance Document

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Please provide any feedback on the Deliverability Test Guidance Document and associated form.	TransAlta is concerned about the short timeline for same facility expansions. As explained above, the IESO has not clarified what its process is for same facility expansions other than it plans to run that procurement separately from the expedited and LT1 RFP processes. TransAlta recommends that the IESO hold a session specifically dedicated to same facility expansions and the process that it is proposing for that procurement stream.

General Comments/Feedback

The timelines for all of these procurement processes is very short, that the consultations are occurring during summer, and the fact that the IESO is making changes as it moves along is making it very difficult to keep track of what is going on. The IESO has to carefully manage this and communicate changes clearly. It would be helpful if the IESO separated up its presentations for each of the three procurements rather than blending all of the procurements together. TransAlta appreciates that the IESO needs to move quickly but the IESO should also be aware that its consultation approach is adding needless confusion to an already challenging process and very aggressive development timeframe.