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Order 1000 Common Interregional Coordination and Cost Allocation Tariff Language**

[Note: While the majority of the following is intended to be common language used by all four Planning Regions, in some instances the Planning Regions have discretion on whether to address a topic and what language to use. Those instances have been noted. In addition, the language may be formatted or capitalized differently to match individual Planning Region style.]

Where there are bracketed references to "[[Planning Region]]", each Planning Region is to insert its name.

ColumbiaGrid, Northern Tier, and WestConnect will reflect the following language in their Attachment Ks (and will use the term "part" or "Part"). CA ISO does not have an Attachment K and will add this to its general tariff (and will use the term "section" or "Section").

Introduction

[Note: Introductory language will be at the discretion of each Planning Region.]

This [[insert name/number of this part of Attachment K/Section ___]] sets forth common provisions, which are to be adopted by or for each Planning Region and which facilitate the implementation of Order 1000 interregional provisions. [[Planning Region]] is to conduct the activities and processes set forth in this [[insert name/number of this part of [[Attachment K/Section ___]] in accordance with the provisions of this [[insert name/number of this part of Attachment K/Section ___]] and the other provisions of this [[Attachment K/tariff]].

Nothing in this [[part/section]] will preclude any transmission owner or transmission provider from taking any action it deems necessary or appropriate with respect to any transmission facilities it needs to comply with any local, state, or federal requirements.

Any Interregional Cost Allocation regarding any ITP is solely for the purpose of developing information to be used in the regional planning process of each Relevant Planning Region, including the regional cost allocation process and methodologies of each such Relevant Planning Region.

References in this [part/section] to any transmission planning processes, including cost allocations, are references to transmission planning processes pursuant to Order 1000.

Section 1. Definitions

The following capitalized terms where used in this Part [***] of Attachment K, are defined as follows: *[Note – CA ISO will incorporate definitions into its tariff's general definition section]*

Annual Interregional Coordination Meeting: shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3 below.

Annual Interregional Information: shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2 below.

Interregional Cost Allocation: means the assignment of ITP costs between or among Planning Regions as described in Section 5.2 below.

Interregional Transmission Project (“ITP”): means a proposed new transmission project that would directly interconnect electrically to existing or planned transmission facilities in two or more Planning Regions and that is submitted into the regional transmission planning processes of all such Planning Regions in accordance with Section 4.1.

[Optional Language] **Order 1000 Common Interregional Coordination and Cost Allocation Tariff Language:** means this [[Section ___/Part ___]], which relates to Order 1000 interregional provisions.

Planning Region: means each of the following Order 1000 transmission planning regions insofar as they are within the Western Interconnection: California Independent System Operator Corporation, ColumbiaGrid, Northern Tier Transmission Group, and WestConnect.

Relevant Planning Regions: means, with respect to an ITP, the Planning Regions that would directly interconnect electrically with such ITP, unless and until such time as a Relevant Planning Region determines that such ITP will not meet any of its regional transmission needs in accordance with Section 4.2, at which time it shall no longer be considered a Relevant Planning Region.

Section 2. Annual Interregional Information Exchange

Annually, prior to the Annual Interregional Coordination Meeting, [[Planning Region]] is to make available by posting on its website or otherwise provide to each of the other Planning Regions the following information, to the extent such information is available in its regional transmission planning process, relating to regional transmission needs in [[Planning Region’s]] transmission planning region and potential solutions thereto:

- (i) study plan or underlying information that would typically be included in a study plan, such as:

- (a) identification of base cases;
 - (b) planning study assumptions; and
 - (c) study methodologies;
- (ii) initial study reports (or system assessments); and
 - (iii) regional transmission plan

(collectively referred to as “Annual Interregional Information”).

[[Planning Region]] is to post its Annual Interregional Information on its website according to its regional transmission planning process. Each other Planning Region may use in its regional transmission planning process [[Planning Region’s]] Annual Interregional Information.

[[Planning Region]] may use in its regional transmission planning process Annual Interregional Information provided by other Planning Regions.

[[Planning Region]] is not required to make available or otherwise provide to any other Planning Region (i) any information not developed by [[Planning Region]] in the ordinary course of its regional transmission planning process, (ii) any Annual Interregional Information to be provided by any other Planning Region with respect to such other Planning Region, or (iii) any information if [[Planning Region]] reasonably determines that making such information available or otherwise providing such information would constitute a violation of the Commission’s Standards of Conduct or any other legal requirement. Annual Interregional Information made available or otherwise provided by [[Planning Region]] shall be subject to applicable confidentiality and CEII restrictions and other applicable laws, under [[Planning Region’s]] regional transmission planning process. *[[Optional Language - Any Annual Interregional Information made available or otherwise provided by [[Planning Region]] shall be “AS IS” and any reliance by the receiving Planning Region on such Annual Interregional Information is at its own risk, without warranty and without any liability of [[Planning Region]] or any [if this is used, Planning Region can put in the descriptor they want]] in [[Planning Region]], including any liability for (a) any errors or omissions in such Annual Interregional Information, or (b) any delay or failure to provide such Annual Interregional Information.]]*

Section 3. Annual Interregional Coordination Meeting

[[Planning Region]] is to participate in an Annual Interregional Coordination Meeting with the other Planning Regions. [[Planning Region]] is to host the Annual Interregional Coordination Meeting in turn with the other Planning Regions, and is to seek to convene such meeting in February, but not later than March 31st. The Annual Interregional Coordination Meeting is to be open to stakeholders. [[Planning Region]] is to provide notice of the meeting to its stakeholders in accordance with its regional transmission planning process.

At the Annual Interregional Coordination Meeting, topics discussed may include the following:

- (i) each Planning Region's most recent Annual Interregional Information (to the extent it is not confidential or protected by CEII or other legal restrictions);
- (ii) identification and preliminary discussion of interregional solutions, including conceptual solutions, that may meet regional transmission needs in each of two or more Planning Regions more cost effectively or efficiently; and
- (iii) updates of the status of ITPs being evaluated or previously included in [[Planning Region's]] regional transmission plan.

Section 4. ITP Joint Evaluation Process

4.1 Submission Requirements

A proponent of an ITP may seek to have its ITP jointly evaluated by the Relevant Planning Regions pursuant to Section 4.2 by submitting the ITP into the regional transmission planning process of each Relevant Planning Region in accordance with such Relevant Planning Region's regional transmission planning process and no later than March 31st of any even-numbered calendar year. Such proponent of an ITP seeking to connect to a transmission facility owned by multiple transmission owners in more than one Planning Region must submit the ITP to each such Planning Region in accordance with such Planning Region's regional transmission planning process. In addition to satisfying each Relevant Planning Region's information requirements, the proponent of an ITP must include with its submittal to each Relevant Planning Region a list of all Planning Regions to which the ITP is being submitted.

4.2 Joint Evaluation of an ITP

For each ITP that meets the requirements of Section 4.1, [[Planning Region]] (if it is a Relevant Planning Region) is to participate in a joint evaluation by the Relevant Planning Regions that is to commence in the calendar year of the ITP's submittal in accordance with Section 4.1 or the immediately following calendar year. With respect to any such ITP, [Planning Region]] (if it is a Relevant Planning Region) is to confer with the other Relevant Planning Region(s) regarding the following:

- (i) ITP data and projected ITP costs; and
- (ii) the study assumptions and methodologies it is to use in evaluating the ITP pursuant to its regional transmission planning process.

For each ITP that meets the requirements of Section 4.1, [[Planning Region]] (if it is a Relevant Planning Region):

- (a) is to seek to resolve any differences it has with the other Relevant Planning Regions relating to the ITP or to information specific to other Relevant Planning Regions insofar as such differences may affect [[Planning Region's]] evaluation of the ITP;
- (b) is to provide stakeholders an opportunity to participate in [[Planning Region's]] activities under this Section 4.2 in accordance with its regional transmission planning process;
- (c) is to notify the other Relevant Planning Regions if [[Planning Region]] determines that the ITP will not meet any of its regional transmission needs; thereafter [[Planning Region]] has no obligation under this Section 4.2 to participate in the joint evaluation of the ITP; and
- (d) is to determine under its regional transmission planning process if such ITP is a more cost effective or efficient solution to one or more of [[Planning Region's]] regional transmission needs.

Section 5. Interregional Cost Allocation Process

5.1 Submission Requirements

For any ITP that has been properly submitted in each Relevant Planning Region's regional transmission planning process in accordance with Section 4.1, a proponent of such ITP may also request Interregional Cost Allocation by requesting such cost allocation from [[Planning Region]] and each other Relevant Planning Region in accordance with its regional transmission planning process. The proponent of an ITP must include with its submittal to each Relevant Planning Region a list of all Planning Regions in which Interregional Cost Allocation is being requested.

5.2 Interregional Cost Allocation Process

For each ITP that meets the requirements of Section 5.1, [[Planning Region]] (if it is a Relevant Planning Region) is to confer with or notify, as appropriate, any other Relevant Planning Region(s) regarding the following:

- (i) assumptions and inputs to be used by each Relevant Planning Region for purposes of determining benefits in accordance with its regional cost allocation methodology, as applied to ITPs;
- (ii) [[Planning Region's]] regional benefits stated in dollars resulting from the ITP, if any; and

- (iii) assignment of projected costs of the ITP (subject to potential reassignment of projected costs pursuant to Section 6.2 below) to each Relevant Planning Region using the methodology described in this section 5.2.

For each ITP that meets the requirements of Section 5.1, [[Planning Region]] (if it is a Relevant Planning Region):

- (a) is to seek to resolve with the other Relevant Planning Regions any differences relating to ITP data or to information specific to other Relevant Planning Regions insofar as such differences may affect [[Planning Region's]] analysis;
- (b) is to provide stakeholders an opportunity to participate in [[Planning Region's]] activities under this Section 5.2 in accordance with its regional transmission planning process;
- (c) is to determine its regional benefits, stated in dollars, resulting from an ITP; in making such determination of its regional benefits in [[Planning Region]], [[Planning Region]] is to use its regional cost allocation methodology, as applied to ITPs;
- (d) is to calculate its assigned *pro rata* share of the projected costs of the ITP, stated in a specific dollar amount, equal to its share of the total benefits identified by the Relevant Planning Regions multiplied by the projected costs of the ITP;
- (e) is to share with the other Relevant Planning Regions information regarding what its regional cost allocation would be if it were to select the ITP in its regional transmission plan for purposes of Interregional Cost Allocation; [[Planning Region]] may use such information to identify its total share of the projected costs of the ITP to be assigned to [[Planning Region]] in order to determine whether the ITP is a more cost effective or efficient solution to a transmission need in [[Planning Region]];
- (f) is to determine whether to select the ITP in its regional transmission plan for purposes of Interregional Cost Allocation, based on its regional transmission planning process; and
- (g) is to endeavor to perform its Interregional Cost Allocation activities pursuant to this Section 5.2 in the same general time frame as its joint evaluation activities pursuant to Section 4.2.

Section 6. Application of Regional Cost Allocation Methodology to Selected ITP

6.1 Selection by All Relevant Planning Regions

If [[Planning Region]] (if it is a Relevant Planning Region) and all of the other Relevant Planning Regions select an ITP in their respective regional transmission plans for purposes of Interregional Cost Allocation, [[Planning Region]] is to apply its regional cost allocation methodology to the projected costs of the ITP assigned to it under Sections 5.2(d) or 5.2(e) above in accordance with its regional cost allocation methodology, as applied to ITPs.

6.2 Selection by at Least Two but Fewer than All Relevant Regions

If the [[Planning Region]] (if it is a Relevant Planning Region) and at least one, but fewer than all, of the other Relevant Planning Regions select the ITP in their respective regional transmission plans for purposes of Interregional Cost Allocation, [[Planning Region]] is to evaluate (or reevaluate, as the case may be) pursuant to Sections 5.2(d), 5.2(e), and 5.2(f) above whether, without the participation of the non-selecting Relevant Planning Region(s), the ITP is selected (or remains selected, as the case may be) in its regional transmission plan for purposes for Interregional Cost Allocation. Such reevaluation(s) are to be repeated as many times as necessary until the number of selecting Relevant Planning Regions does not change with such reevaluation.

If following such evaluation (or reevaluation), the number of selecting Relevant Planning Regions does not change and the ITP remains selected for purposes of Interregional Cost Allocation in the respective regional transmission plans of [[Planning Region]] and at least one other Relevant Planning Region, [[Planning Region]] is to apply its regional cost allocation methodology to the projected costs of the ITP assigned to it under Sections 5.2(d) or 5.2(e) above in accordance with its regional cost allocation methodology, as applied to ITPs.