



# Revision to Typical Review Periods – Revision 1

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# Purpose

- To alert stakeholders to a change in typical review periods for certain transmission planning documents and study files



# Current process

- The ISO shares stakeholders' concerns with the time required to complete transmission planning studies (currently focused on Needs Assessments and Solutions Studies)
- The ISO has taken significant steps to reduce the time required to perform transmission planning analysis through the use of automation and cloud computing



# Current process, continued

- However, even with these improvements, the current process can be made more efficient
  - Typical steps for the performance of a Needs Assessment are listed below
    1. Create a presentation on the scope of work
    2. Presentation of the scope of work at the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC)
    3. Create the draft scope of work
    4. Create intermediate study files
    5. Post the draft scope of work and intermediate study files for stakeholder review
    6. [Review period – not defined in the Tariff or the Transmission Planning Process Guide \(TPPG\)](#)
    7. Respond to written comments received prior to the comment period deadline
    8. Post written comments and the associated responses
    9. Update the scope of work and intermediate study files, as necessary, based on comments received
    10. Post the final scope of work (and intermediate study files if updates were needed)
    11. Perform system analysis
    12. Create a presentation on the results
    13. Present the results of the analysis to PAC
    14. If the results show time sensitive needs, there is a Tariff mandated 30 day review period
    15. Post draft Needs Assessment and final study files for stakeholder review
    16. [Review period – not defined in the Tariff or the TPPG](#)
    17. Respond to written comments received prior to the comment period deadline
    18. Update the Needs Assessment, as necessary based on comments received
    19. Post final version of the Needs Assessment and final study files if updates were needed
  - Inasmuch as possible, the ISO performs steps in parallel, but these efforts are subject to being redone based on changes
    - As an example, while the comment period is open on the scope of work, the ISO may begin performing the Needs Assessment analysis. However, if stakeholder comments necessitate a change in scope, the analysis will likely need to be repeated

# Review Periods - today

- The Solutions Study process is similar
  - Differences
    - Typically the scope is the same as a Needs Assessment and therefore there is not a review period for the scope
    - The Tariff requirement for a 30 day comment period on time sensitive needs does not apply
- As can be seen on the previous slide, there are two stakeholder review periods where neither the Tariff nor the TPPG specify a duration (steps 6 and 16)
- The ISO typically provides a 30 day duration for these two review periods
- As a result, combining the Needs Assessment and Solutions Study processes, there are 120 days of built in review time



# Review Periods – going forward

- In order to streamline the process, from this point forward, the ISO will be reducing the typical review periods during the Needs Assessment and Solutions Studies processes to 15 days
  - Longer review periods may be provided over Thanksgiving and holidays at the end of the year
- This change reduces the typical time to complete a Needs Assessment and Solutions Study by 45 days
- The ISO is considering proposing changes to Attachment K to reduce the required review comment period in step 14 from 30 days to 15 days
  - If this change is made, the total reduction in review time is 60 days from the current process
- The ISO expects to use similar time periods, unless otherwise mandated by the Tariff, for stakeholder review of ISO generated Public Policy and Competitive Solicitation materials

# Questions

