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Rationale on Decision to Cease Implementation Activities

In the Compliance Proposal, the ISO stated that an August 12, 2024 effective date was necessary to facilitate implementation of, among other things, the proposed Transitional Capacity Network Resource (CNR) Group Study as a one-time opportunity for latestage interconnections to achieve capacity interconnection service through the 2024 interim reconfiguration auction (RA) qualification activities described in Section III.13.A.2. The ISO also stated in the Compliance Proposal that it planned “to commence implementation activities associated with the transition process as early as May 20, 2024, and a prompt order will ensure that the implementation can continue without interruption.”

Since that time, the ISO has taken the following implementation steps:

1. Implemented the June 13, 2024 eligibility date required by Order No. 2023 for Transitional Cluster Study eligibility,²
2. Developed the initial set of Planning Procedure updates necessary to implement the proposed transition rules,³
3. Issued the Transitional Cluster Study Agreements to eligible Interconnection Customers on August 12, 2024,⁴ and
4. Continued to conduct System Impact Studies (SIS) through August 30, 2024.

The ISO’s objective is to ensure that all implementation activities can be applied consistently, but the ability to do so depends on having a clear set of rules..16 0 0 8 (l)-8 ()0.5 (a)-13., buur .9 (2)-11.4 4n1.8 (s)-4.9w1 a

Impacts to Recent and Upcoming Milestones

August 30, 2024

According to the Compliance Proposal, this is the date by which Interconnection Customers can accept SIS results for an Interconnection Request in order to achieve Interconnection Service without participating in the Transitional Cluster Study. This is also the date by which the ISO will stop all Interconnection Study work.

Next Steps

Going forward, the ISO will continue Interconnection Studies under the current Interconnection Procedures and will evaluate whether the results of any completed SISs as of August 30, 2024 will allow an Interconnection Request to achieve Network Resource Interconnection Service without participating in the Transitional Cluster Study. Customers may continue to elect to have the ISO pause study work in advance of the Transitional Cluster Study. The ISO will be communicating directly with affected Interconnection Customers in the coming days; Interconnection Customers may contact their assigned project managers with specific questions.

1st Week of September, 2024

