

## OVERVIEW

This DER Queue Management Practice outlines the practices FortisAlberta has implemented to administer the Substation Feeder Capacity Queue (the “DER Queue”).

The objectives of this DER Queue Management Practice is to:

- Ensure fair and non-discriminatory treatment of DER projects.
- Ensure efficient progression of DER projects through the interconnection process.
- Clarify key queuing milestones in the interconnection process.

The DER Queue Management Practices rules is as follows, with more detail below:

- The DER Queue phases and timelines shall apply to every Customer’s project, regardless of the number of projects waiting to connect at a substation feeder.
- To remain in the DER Queue, Customers must complete all the requirements in each interconnection Stage within the time frames outlined.
- If the Customer fails to meet the DER Queue Management Practice requirements, the project shall be cancelled and removed from the DER Queue. Cancelled projects result in contingent projects moving up the queue for consideration.
- Any change to the approved scope of a project will result in the project being cancelled by FortisAlberta. In such cases, the project will be re-started, resulting in the loss of the project’s position in the DER Queue and additional fees.

## ENTRANCE INTO THE DER QUEUE

- FortisAlberta will issue an invoice for the DLS fee after the DLS application is received, as outlined in the DER Interconnection Guideline. Once the DLS fee is paid and the required documents for the DLS are provided, the project enters the DER Queue.
- If the information required from the Customer to complete the DLS is not received within 30 days of the receipt of payment for the DLS study, the project will be cancelled.
- If the invoice is not paid by the due date of 30 calendar days or if the documents submitted are incomplete, the queue position will not be secured, and the project will be cancelled. All cancelled projects are required to begin the interconnection process again by applying for a new DLS with all applicable fees.

## **QUEUE RETENTION REQUIREMENTS**

- To maintain the queue position, the Customer needs to submit all the required documents within the required timeframe at each Stage as required by FortisAlberta's Interconnection Guideline; this includes paying the invoices issued by FortisAlberta by the stated deadline.
- Management of the AESO Cluster process is the responsibility of the AESO. If a project is cancelled by the AESO for any reason, it will also be cancelled by FortisAlberta, resulting in the loss of project's position in the DER Queue. Customers are required to understand the AESO's requirements within the Cluster process and provide all the deliverables on time to avoid potential project delays and cancellations. This includes paying the fees required by the AESO by applicable deadlines.
- Change of Scope: If a scope change is made by the customer (e.g., change of feeder, change of location, increase of capacity, changes to the generator type, etc.) at any stage of the project, the project will be cancelled, and a new DLS will be required along with applicable fees.

## **FORTISALBERTA DER QUEUE AND THE AESO'S CLUSTER ASSESSMENT PROCESS**

- The DER Queue is separate from AESO's Cluster Process.
- Management of the AESO Cluster process is the responsibility of the AESO.
- FortisAlberta cannot guarantee a DER application's entrance into any specific AESO Cluster.
- FortisAlberta will process projects and submit the SASR to the AESO's Cluster process on a first come, first served basis.
- It is the Customer's responsibility to determine appropriate timing of DLS applications to enter a desired specific cluster.
- It is the Customer's responsibility to know and understand the time requirements outlined by FortisAlberta, needed to submit all associated documentation.
- Transition from one Cluster Assessment Phase, to another Cluster Assessment, must be disclosed in alignment with any deadlines already given by FortisAlberta or the AESO.