

Queue Process Challenges

<\$5M Queue Cost Allocation & Alternate Queue



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- Current studies performed
 - Feasibility Study
- Problems with current process
 - “Screen” criteria requires queue to be closed (6 month queue)
 - Evaluation of “screen” criteria requires load flow studies with all projects in queue modeled

- Solution
 - Remove alternate queue screening
- Remove Alternate Queue screening
 - Allow projects to be evaluated for impacts once Point of Interconnection (POI) has been established
 - Identification of impacts could proceed with known POI if all previously queued projects in vicinity of project under study are also known

- Reinforcement costs <\$5 million allocated to all projects in a queue which add load to the violation defining the need for the reinforcement
- Problems with current process
 - Criteria requires queue to be closed (6 month queue)

- Solution
 - Evaluate need for reinforcements with first request to cause the need for a reinforcement to be allocated 100% of the cost of the upgrade
 - Subsequent projects which contribute to the need for the reinforcement would have cost allocation based on MW impacts

- Language to be taken to Planning Committee on April 13 for first read
- Other issues for small resource interconnection?



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