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**To:** NEPOOL Transmission Committee

**From:** Alan McBride, Executive Director, Transmission Services & Resource Qualification

**Date:** April 19, 2024

**Subject:** Order No. 2023-A – Order Addressing Arguments Raised on Rehearing, Setting Aside Prior Order, In Part, and Granting Clarification (WMPP ID: 177)

The ISO is requesting a vote on its proposed Tariff revisions to comply with the Commission’s Order No. 2023-A, which addresses arguments raised on rehearing and grants clarification on Order No. 2023 – Improvements to Generator Interconnection Procedures and Agreements.

By way of background, between August 2023 and February 2024, the Transmission Committee reviewed proposed Tariff revisions to comply with the Commission’s Order No. 2023, which adopts significant reforms to the generator interconnection procedures, including a shift from a serial, “first-come, first-served” queue construct to a “first-ready, first served” framework that provides for projects to be studied together in clusters and equally queued. These changes were contained primarily in Section II of the Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT), incorporated a number of stakeholder-suggested revisions, and were broadly supported at the March 7, 2024 Participants Committee meeting.

As a result of Order No. 2023-A, the ISO has incorporated several revisions to its Order No. 2023 proposal to address further incremental reforms. Notably, the incremental revisions include the allowance for surety bonds for Commercial Readiness Deposits, beginning with the first regular Order No. 2023 Cluster Study process in 2025, and the allowance for Option to Build in the case of shared network upgrades. Additionally, the proposed revisions extend the late-stage System Impact Study (SIS) completion deadline to August 30, 2024 and retain the Transitional Capacity Network Resource (CNR) Group Study on the originally-proposed schedule.

The proposed changes that the committee is being asked to consider were presented at the [March 27, 2024 meeting](#).