

# Rule 008

## Rules Respecting Use of Abbreviated Needs Process

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## 1 Definitions

In these rules:

- (a) “Act” means the *Alberta Utilities Commission Act*;
- (b) “ISO” means the Independent System Operator, as established under the *Electric Utilities Act*;
- (c) “Commission” means the Alberta Utilities Commission;
- (d) “DFO” means the owner of an electric distribution system, as defined in the *Transmission Regulation*;
- (e) “EUA” means the *Electric Utilities Act*;
- (f) “NID” means needs identification document referred to in Section 34 of the EUA;
- (g) “TFO” means the owner of a transmission facility, as defined in the *Transmission Regulation*.

## 2 Use of abbreviated needs process

Unless otherwise directed by the Commission, the ISO may apply in accordance with these rules to obtain an approval for the need for a customer or generator interconnection or system project where the additions are not forecast to exceed \$10 million.

## 3 Common program

Where system projects form part of a common program, the Commission shall consider the forecast costs of the common program, rather than the forecast costs of each of the system projects that comprise the common program, when determining whether the ISO may apply under these rules.

## 4 Notice

Where a NID has been filed with the Commission for approval under these rules, the Commission shall provide notice, in accordance with the Commission’s Rules of Practice, to any person whose rights may be directly and adversely affected by an order of the Commission in respect of the NID filing.

## 5 Persons to be notified

The ISO, or TFO or DFO if any, shall assist the Commission in identifying the persons referred to in section 4.

## 6 Statement in notice

The notice referred to in Section 4 shall include a statement that, in the event the Commission does not receive an objection to the NID, the Commission shall process the NID in accordance with Section 34 (3) of the EUA without a hearing or other proceeding.