



Frequently Asked Questions Arising from Peak Transitional RC Webinar April 11, 2018

Q. Which of the proposed tools does Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) currently use?

AESO doesn't use all of Peak's tools at this time; they use approximately 50-60 percent of our tools and services such as, the WECC interchange Tool (WIT), Real-time data sharing, the Reliability Messaging Tool (RMT) and others. They also still coordinate studies with Peak. There will be a major effort among existing and upcoming RCs to coordinate and discuss future services, and the AESO will be asked to take part.

Q. Is the West-wide System Model (WSM) that is maintained by Peak today included in the services provided in the transitional RC services listing?

The WSM is part of our existing services and we will continue to support and include it in our core services going forward.

Q. How will Peak continue to use WIT for the entire Western Interconnection if all entities are not part of Peak?

As background, WIT is an OATI hosted tool which used to be supported by WECC; it was transferred to Peak at bifurcation because WECC wanted to get out of the tools business. Peak worked closely with the vendor and WIT users to address several issues users had with the tool. Peak has also set up an active WIT user group to help communicate and coordinated on the use of WIT. It is primarily a Balancing Authority (BA) tool, and all BAs use it. Peak plans to continue to support it for all.

Q. Is the November commitment date to participate in the RC the same timeframe as the Letter of Intent timeframe included in white paper?

Yes. We are looking for formal commitment in November, 2018. That will allow time for feedback on funding, governance and timing. We'll be gathering information until then from potential participants.

Q. WIT is an important tool for the West and shouldn't be fragmented. Has Peak talked with other RCs to maintain a single tool?

Peak has had initial discussions and will have more. The WIT tool will continue as it is today and will not be fragmented. We propose that Peak continue in its current capacity of supporting the tool and that other RCs provide secondary support.

Q. Will there be transparency around the discussions with other RCs on interconnection-wide tools?

While we can't speak for SPP and CAISO, Peak expects to keep its members informed as discussions progress. Terry Baker, Peak's Managing Director of Operations, is leading the RC-to-RC coordination effort. The topic of Interconnection-wide tools is one that will be discussed as part this coordination. Meetings are being set up, and WECC and NERC staff also will be in attendance. At some point, AESO will be brought into discussions as well.

Q Is the plan for Peak to hold all the licenses and bill out the costs or is the plan to put together an agreement to govern tool management and costs?

There has been discussion about the appropriate approach and that's something we will be discussing with the other RCs to determine the most appropriate long term plan.

Q. Is the Peak Board in agreement with these plans?

Yes, they've been fully briefed and are supportive.

Q. Can you clarify what the cost optional services will be allocated to those entities inside Peak and outside Peak load ratio share or another methodology?

That's to be determined, whether the cost allocation will be the same as today or if we'll use another mechanism. We'll want to engage our customers in this discussion. Information will be published on May 21st.

Q. When will board and executive reductions take place?

The timing depends on the overall plan and strategy. We have also briefed our employees prior to this call.

Q. If some entities want to continue with the traditional model beyond 2021, would Peak consider it?

This option could easily exist beyond 2021 if there is enough need and interest from customers.

Q. How many must join for transitional RC to be viable?

Costs don't contemplate a set number of participants or geography.