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1 **INTRODUCTION AND RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY**

2 Desiderata Energy Consulting Ltd. has been retained by the Dual Use Customers (the
3 “DUC”)¹ to review the AESO’s 2007 General Tariff Application (“2007 GTA”) and to
4 present evidence to the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (the “Board”) on behalf of the
5 DUC concerning the AESO’s proposed rate design and Terms and Conditions of
6 Service related to Point of Delivery charges and Primary Service Credits. This evidence
7 addresses these issues.

8 The DUC member companies are large industrial load and generation supply customers
9 who elected in response industry deregulation to build non-regulated generation
10 facilities. At industrial sites where on-site generation has been developed electric energy
11 is taken from and provided to the transmission system, hence, customers at these
12 locations are called “dual-use” customers.

13 As part of their decision to build non-regulated generation, DUC members elected to
14 pay for and to own certain transmission assets, including substation facilities. The
15 decision by DUC members to pay for and own transmission assets was based in part on
16 government policy and provisions in the former Transmission Administrator’s tariff which
17 provided for the payment of “Customer Owned Substation” or “COS” credits.

18 The COS credits were changed to the “Primary Service Credit” or “PSC” under the 2006
19 AESO Tariff but the nature of the credit and rationale for the payment of the credits
20 remained the same. PSCs are paid in recognition of the investments made by dual-use
21 customers in transmission facilities that would otherwise have been paid for by a TFO
22 and recovered from all customers through the AESO’s tariff.

23 Although the payment of credits has been and remains an important factor in the
24 decision of dual-use customers to own their own transmission facilities, dual-use
25 customers have historically elected to own transmission assets for other reasons as
26 well. In some situations dual-use customers may desire to have operational control
27 over onsite transmission assets. Indeed, some customers place significant value on the
28 greater reliability they see as possible through direct ownership and control over local
29 transmission assets. In addition, designing, building and owning transmission assets

¹ Formally the COS Coalition, who participated in the last three AESO tariff proceedings. DUC is comprised of the following members:

Air Liquide
ATCO Power
Canadian Natural Resources Limited
Imperial Oil
Petro-Canada
Shell Canada Limited
Shell Canada Products
Suncor Energy

DUC members represent approximately two thirds of the existing PSC customers on a Billing Capacity basis.

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1 provides a greater degree of control over capital costs when compared to assets
2 supplied by a TFO via the AESO.

3 The DUC members continue to support the development of on-site generation in the
4 province. However, the DUC members are of the view that it is essential that the past
5 investments of existing dual-use customers, and the potential future investments of
6 existing and new dual-use customers in transmission and on-site generation assets and
7 the corresponding reduction in costs to all AESO customers, continue to be recognized
8 through the payment of appropriate credits.

9 The COS credit was first proposed by the Transmission Administrator in its 99/00 GTA
10 proceeding. A credit of \$700/MW/month was approved by the Board in Decision 2000-
11 34, effective June 1, 2000, for all customers who elected to own their own substation.
12 In the 2005 AESO GTA, the Board approved all former COS credit payments as final
13 and set the PSC at \$660/MW/month under the AESO's 2006 Tariff.

14 The AESO has proposed that the PSC be radically altered from the current Board
15 approved \$660/MW/month rate to 40% of the POD charges, which will result in lowering
16 the annual PCS from \$6.2 million to \$3.2 million or by about 48% from that paid under
17 the AESO's 2006 Tariff. This is a significant change that will have a material impact on
18 the dual-use customers.

19 The DUC members question the need to change the derivation of the PSC at this time
20 and the fairness of that change. However, if the Board accepts the AESO's proposed
21 methodology to design Point of Delivery ("POD") charges based on a cost function that
22 estimates interconnection costs, then enhancements to the cost function and the
23 resulting POD and PSC rate design are required.

24 The AESO has filed a significant amount of evidence in this proceeding to estimate the
25 cost to interconnect a new customer. The AESO used this evidence to derive a
26 Recommended Cost Function (the average cost to interconnect customers of varying
27 size). The Recommended Cost Function is also utilized to allocate the POD related
28 revenue requirement, to determine the DTS POD charge rates and to derive the
29 maximum investment amounts under the AESO's contribution policy.

30 It is our understanding that the AESO has filed this evidence in response to the Board's
31 directives on page 58 of Decision 2005-096. If the Board accepts the AESO's
32 methodology, then the DUC members are of the view that additional refinements to the
33 rate design are required to appropriately align the POD charges with cost causation and
34 subsequently to align the PSC with the cost avoidance from customer owned
35 substations.

36 The additional evidence and analysis provided by the AESO, supplemented by the
37 additional evidence provided herein, strongly suggests that the POD charges should be
38 lower for customers taking service at PODs larger than 40 MW and that the PSC rate
39 should be decreased for customers that own their own transformers and should be
40 increased for customers that own their own substations.

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1 The following recommendations are made to enhance the AESO's POD and PSC rate
2 design to ensure that dual-use customers will continue to receive an appropriate tariff
3 cost reduction when investments are made in transmission assets that could have been
4 made by the TFOs and to recognize the economies of scale of larger sized
5 interconnections:

- 6 1. The recommended cost function should be modified to have an incremental cost
7 of \$30,000/MW for interconnections above 40 MW.
- 8 2. The DTS POD Charges should reflect the recommend cost function by adjusting
9 the rate design and adding a fourth charge for Billing Capacity above 40 MW.
- 10 3. The AESO's contribution policy should also reflect the recommend cost function
11 by adjusting the maximum investment amounts, including lower maximum
12 investment amounts for services with DTS Contract Capacity over 40 MW.
- 13 4. The PSC should be adjusted to be 15% of the POD Charges for customers who
14 own their own transformation assets.
- 15 5. The PSC should be adjusted to be 55% of the POD Charges for customers who
16 own their own transformation assets.
- 17 6. Isolated generation PODs should not be eligible for the PSC.

18 The spreadsheets used to assist with the preparation of this evidence have been filed
19 with the Board and are listed under APPENDIX – NOTES ON SPREADSHEETS
20 PROVIDED.

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1 **1.0 COST FUNCTION**

2 We analyzed the AESO's Recommended Cost Function and the underlying cost data.
3 We note that the Board anticipated that there should be economies of scale present in
4 interconnection costs (i.e. that interconnection costs should decrease with
5 interconnection capacity):

6 On the basis of the results of the study described in the preceding direction, the
7 AESO shall recommend an investment function that represents the average cost
8 per MW of capacity. The Board expects that the resulting interconnection cost
9 function derived will exhibit significant economies of scale and, as a result, may
10 be non-linear in nature.²

11 In the last AESO proceeding and in the stakeholder consultations leading to this
12 proceeding there was a significant amount of analysis and debate over the appropriate
13 level of POD charges for DTS customers with billing capacities under 10 MW.³
14 Unfortunately, insufficient attention has been paid to those customers at the other end
15 of the size continuum.

16 In our view, the AESO's analysis, while helpful, does not reflect the significant
17 economies of scale present in PODs over 40 MW. The AESO prepared its
18 recommended cost and investment functions as shown in Figure 1 that shows the
19 estimated average cost to interconnect new customers to the transmission system.⁴

² Decision 2005-095, p. 58, item 2.

³ We have not analyzed cost causation of small sized PODs and offer no recommendations on adjustments to the cost function for PODs under 10 MW in size.

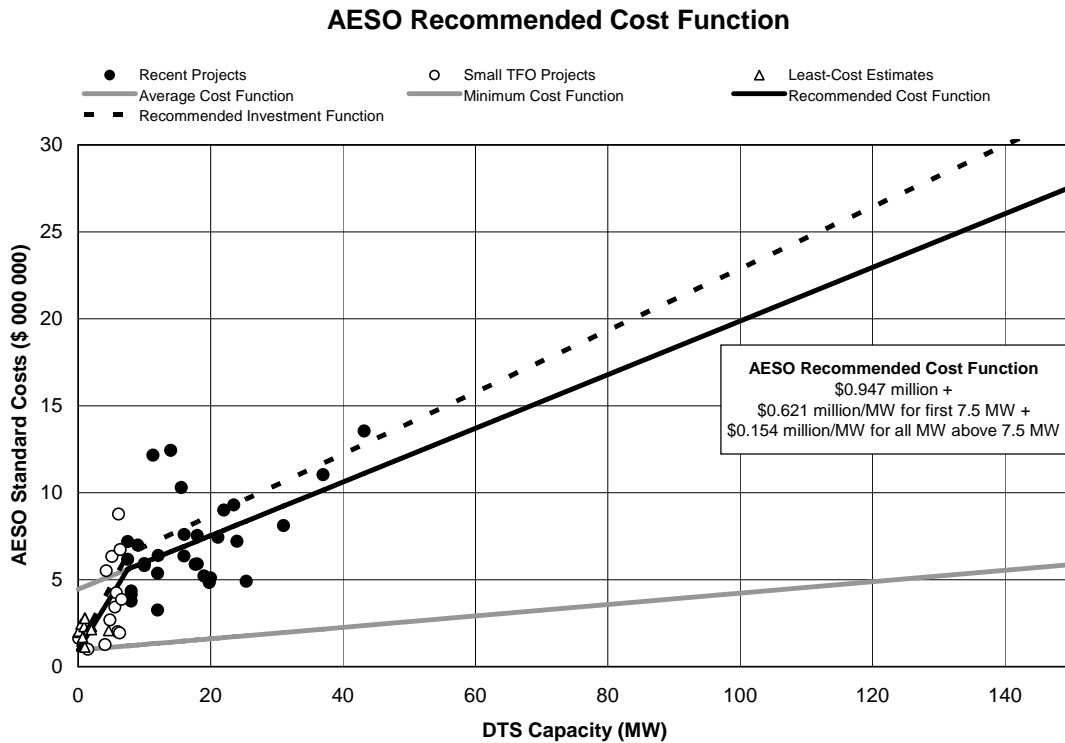
⁴ AESO Appendix G spreadsheet, see DUC POD PSC Evidence App G Revised.xls, tab Chart

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1 Figure 1 – AESO Recommended Cost Function



2 Unfortunately, the AESO only has three data points for new interconnections with DTS
 3 Contract Capacity above 30 MW. These represent only 5% of the 55 projects in the
 4 data set.⁵ One hundred and six PODs, or 22% of the 491 PODs, have an average
 5 Billing Capacity over 30 MW.⁶ In our view the AESO’s data for PODs over 30 MW is
 6 insufficient and we question the accuracy of the proposed AESO Recommended Cost
 7 Function for larger PODs.⁷

8 The following Figure 2 shows the size range of PODs based on average Billing Capacity
 9 and average load factor.⁸

⁵ DUC POD PSC Evidence App G Revised.xls, tab All Projects, cells B1:E1

⁶ DUC POD PSC Evidence BR 3 Expanded.xls, tab BR-003 (a)-A3 Per Pod, cells AQ1:AR3

⁷ We do so while recognizing that interconnection capacity is not the same as, and like higher than, Billing Capacity.

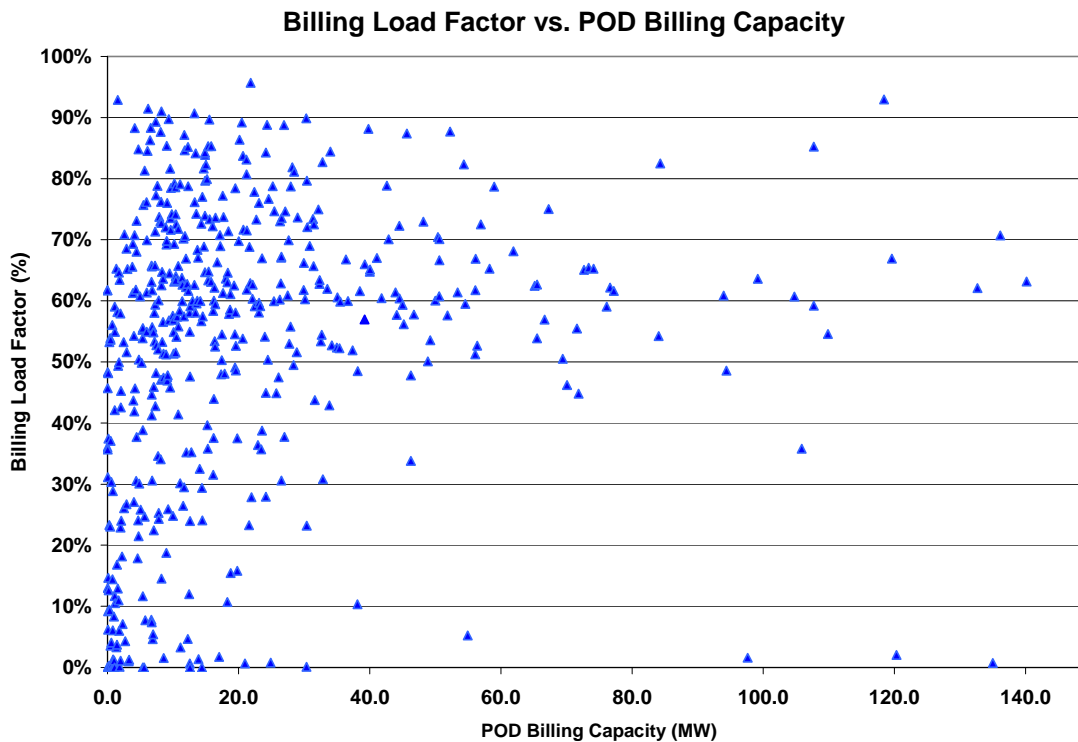
⁸ DUC POD PSC Evidence BR 3 Expanded.xls, tab LF vs POD Capacity

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1 Figure 2 - Scatter Plot of Average POD Billing Capacity vs. Average Billing Load Factor



2 Figure 2 shows that the vast majority of PODs over 40 MW have average billing load
3 factors above 40%. Of the 70 PODs over 40 MW average Billing Capacity, 90% have
4 average billing load factors above 40%, and all but three PODs over 40 MW have
5 average billing load factors above 5%.⁹

6 We note that the AESO's Recommended Cost Function suggests that interconnection
7 costs will continue to increase on average at a rate of \$154,000/MW for PODs above
8 7.5 MW. This is not consistent with our experience. Nor in our view is it supported by
9 the data.

10 In general, we view interconnection costs to have two primary cost components:

- 11 1. Transmission line costs
- 12 2. Substation related costs

⁹ DUC POD PSC Evidence BR 3 Expanded.xls, tab BR-003 (a)-A3 Per Pod, cells AQ5:AR9

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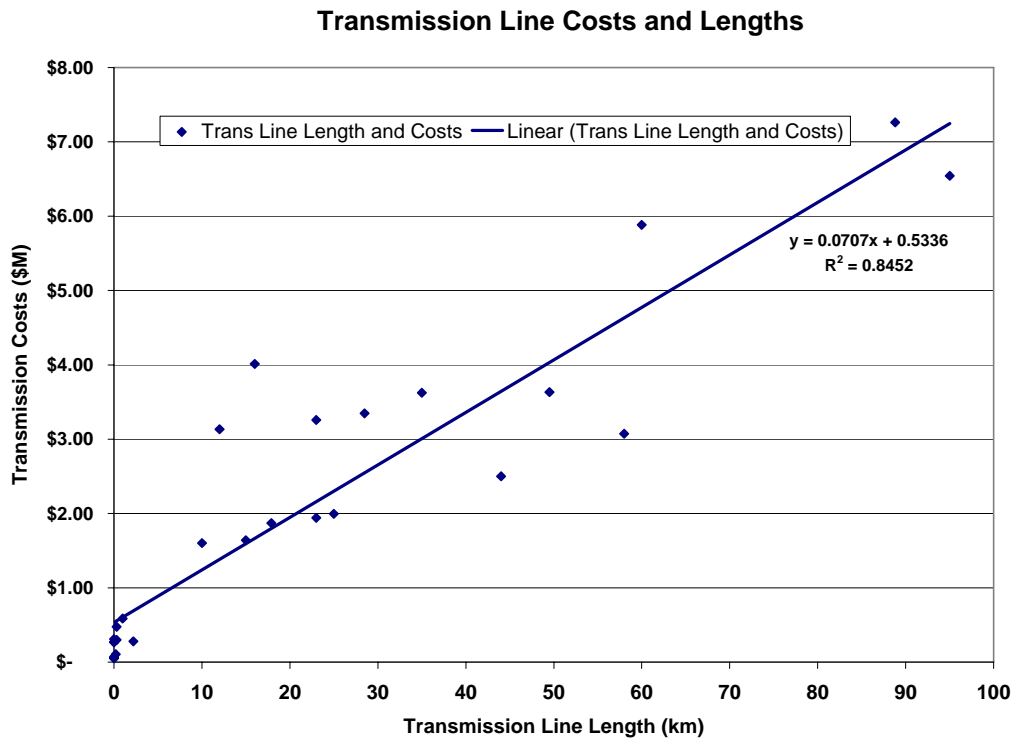
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1 **1.1 TRANSMISSION LINE COSTS**

2 For similar sized facilities, variations in transmission line costs are expected to be
 3 primarily a function of distance. The AESO's data shows a high level of correlation
 4 between transmission line costs and transmission line length. This data is shown in
 5 Figure 3.¹⁰

6 Figure 3 - Correlation of Transmission Line Length vs. Transmission Lines Costs



7 Undoubtedly there will be differences in unit transmission line costs (\$/km) based on
 8 voltage level, conductor size, type of structure used, geography, etc. However, as
 9 shown in Figure 4 the AESO data shows that there is little correlation between POD
 10 capacity and transmission line lengths.¹¹

¹⁰ AESO Appendix G spreadsheet, tab Trans Lines Length, see DUC POD PSC Evidence App G Revised.xls, tab Trans Lines Length. High correlation is evidenced by the R² statistic of 85%. The AESO provided similar analysis in TCE.AESO-025.

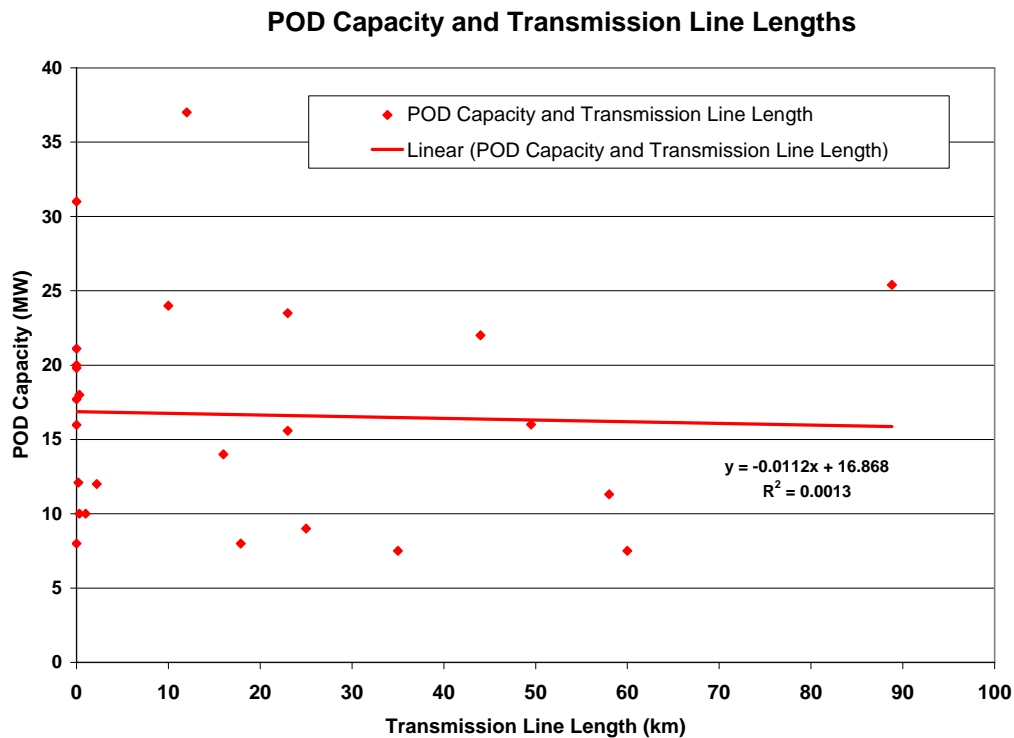
¹¹ AESO Appendix G spreadsheet, correlation of data for 25 projects that are listed on both the Greenfield and the Trans Lines tabs. See DUC POD PSC Evidence App G Revised.xls, tab Trans Lines DTS. Low correlation is evidenced by the R² statistic under 1%.

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1 Figure 4 - Correlation of Transmission Line Length vs. POD Capacity



2 The AESO's cost data also shows little correlation between DTS Capacity and
 3 transmission line costs, and that the average transmission line cost over this sample set
 4 is about \$1.5 million, as shown in Figure 5.¹²

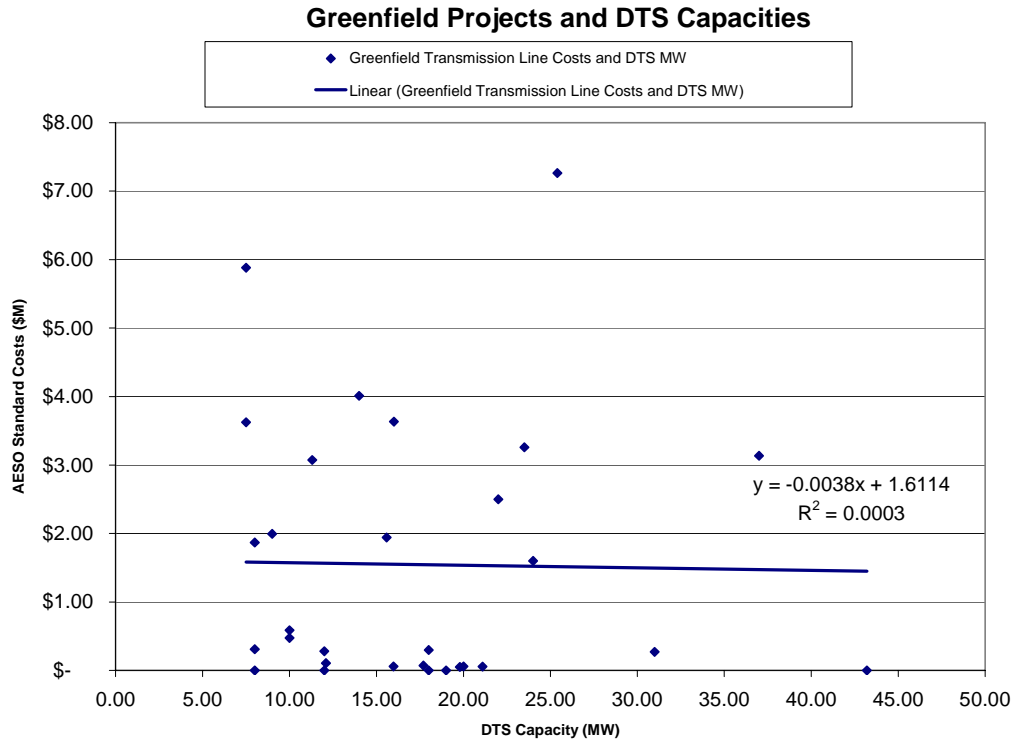
¹² AESO Appendix G spreadsheet, tab Greenfield, with DTS Capacity (col D) plotted vs. Transmission line Costs (col F). See DUC POD PSC Evidence App G Revised.xls, tab Greenfield Line Cost. Low correlation is evidenced by the R^2 statistic under 1%. The AESO also analyzed DTS Capacity vs. Radial Line Costs as provided in TCE.AESO-025 and came to the same conclusion that there is little correlation between radial line costs and DTS Capacity.

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1 Figure 5 - Correlation of POD Capacity (DTS Capacity) vs. AESO Standard Interconnection Costs



2 One would not expect all large capacity substations to be connected via larger capacity,
 3 longer or higher cost transmission lines. In general, for PODs 30 to 100 MW, a single
 4 138/144 kV transmission line can provide the standard level of service as defined by the
 5 AESO. If a new POD happens to be close to a 240 kV line, service can be provided
 6 from the 240 kV line if that is the most cost effective option. Some PODs are supplied
 7 by radial lines, while others are supplied by lopped lines where the AESO treats the
 8 transmission line costs as system costs.

9 While we concede that higher capacity PODs may need higher capacity transmission
 10 lines to provide service, we do not believe that there is a strong correlation between
 11 transmission line costs and POD capacity (and there is no AESO evidence to suggest
 12 such a correlation).

13 **1.2 SUBSTATION RELATED COSTS**

14 The second interconnection cost component relates to substation costs. The data with
 15 respect to substation costs vs. substation capacity provided by the AESO shows that

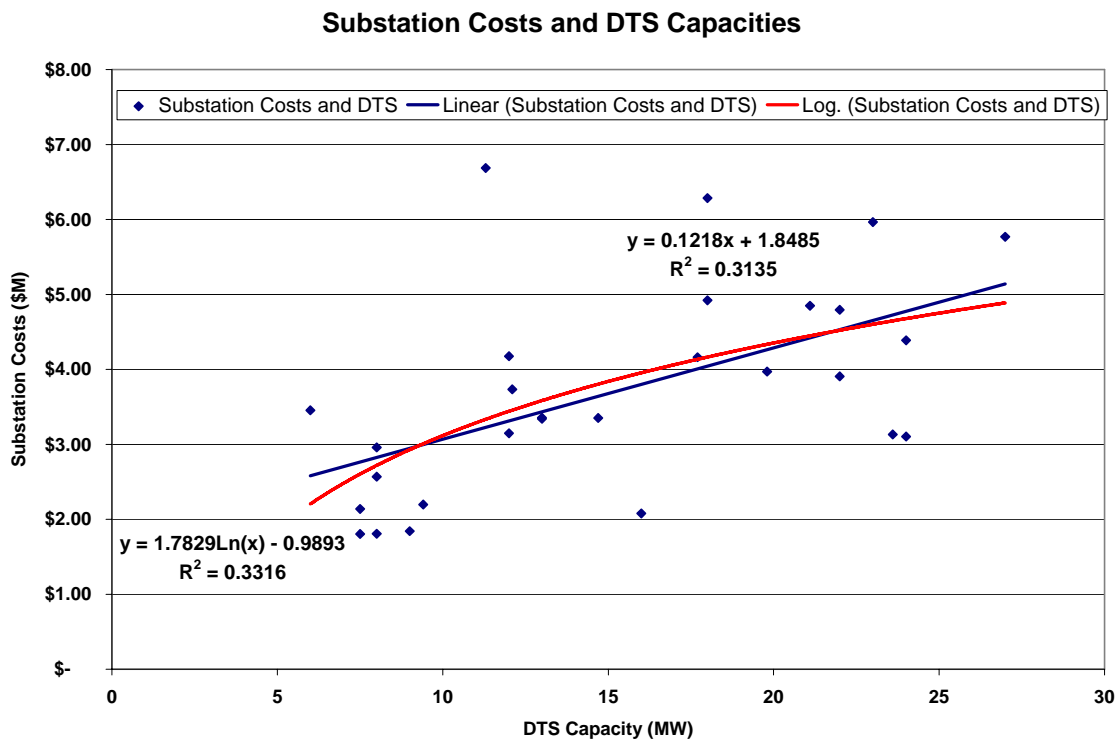
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1 there is some correlation between substation costs and capacity. This is shown in
 2 Figure 6.¹³

3 Figure 6 - Correlation of POD Capacity (DTS Capacity) vs. AESO Substation Costs



4 Unfortunately, the substation cost data is limited to 28 substations and there is no cost
 5 data for substations over 30 MW in size.¹⁴ We are of the view that there is not a linear
 6 correlation between substation costs and DTS capacity for larger substations. The best
 7 fit logarithmic equation to the data suggests a slightly better correlation than the best fit
 8 linear equation as evidenced by the higher R^2 value (33% vs. 31%).

9 In particular, in our view, contrary to that suggested by the best fit linear regression line
 10 in Figure 6 above, new substations over 30 MW in size do not have incremental costs of
 11 \$122,000/MW. Using the AESO's recommended cost function, which we reject, would
 12 suggest that a 150 MW POD would have a total interconnection cost of \$27.6 million.¹⁵
 13 In addition, using the best fit linear substation cost equation would suggest a substation

¹³ AESO Appendix G spreadsheet, tab Subs. See DUC POD PSC Evidence App G Revised.xls, tab Subs Chart. Some correlation is evidenced by the R^2 statistics of 31% and 33%.

¹⁴ DUC POD PSC Evidence App G Revised.xls, tab Subs, Cells L2:M3

¹⁵ DUC POD PSC Evidence App G Revised.xls, tab All Projects, Cell E34

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1 cost of over \$20 million,¹⁶ which does not appear consistent with the AESO's own cost
2 data, especially considering that the AESO's standard substation would consist of a
3 single transformer.¹⁷ Using the best fit logarithmic equation would suggest a substation
4 cost for a 150 MW POD of only \$7.9 million.¹⁸

5 It is anticipated that substation costs have some level of fixed costs, as the AESO
6 suggests, and that there are some incremental costs that are related to size, e.g.
7 transformers, breakers, etc. However, as discussed, we are of the view that substation
8 costs do not continue to increase at the same rate with size. Below we provide
9 evidence that shows that incremental substation costs above 30 MW should be limited
10 to transformation costs, which increase with size at the much lower rate of about
11 \$10,000 to \$30,000/MW.

12 During the AESO's 2006 Tariff review process TransCanada Energy filed evidence
13 indicating that both transmission line and substation costs exhibit economies of scale.¹⁹
14 The following Table 1 shows information filed in response to an information request
15 from the FIRM Group.²⁰

¹⁶ DUC POD PSC Evidence App G Revised.xls, tab Subs, Cell M5

¹⁷ The Board addressed this issue in Decision 2006-046 and noted the AESO's POD criteria outlined in Section 4.5 of the Reliability Criteria document clearly indicates that the standard level of service the AESO would provide would be a one radial line/one transformer configuration. Decision 2006-046, p. 12.

¹⁸ DUC POD PSC Evidence App G Revised.xls, tab Subs, Cell M7

¹⁹ AESO 2006 Tariff Proceeding, Exhibit 23-010 - TCE Evidence (Mar 11, 05), page 18-19.

²⁰ AESO 2006 Tariff Proceeding, Exhibit 02-019-001 - FIRM-TCE-3 Schedule A (Mar 31, 05)

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Table 1 - TransCanada Transformer Cost Data

**FIRM-TCE-3 Schedule A
Estimate Prepared 2005-03-07**

Transformer Description	Estimated Cost (OOM +/-30%) (2005\$ x 1,000)	Max capacity (MVA)	2005\$ per MVA
15/20/25 MVA 138/25 kV c/w LTC	\$700	25	\$28
25/33/42 MVA 138/25 kV c/w LTC	\$950	42	\$23
30/40/50 MVA 138/25 kV c/w LTC	\$1,000	50	\$20
50/66/83 MVA 138/25 kV c/w LTC	\$1,400	83	\$17
50/66/83 MVA 240/25 kV c/w LTC	\$1,700	83	\$20
75/100/125 MVA 240/25 kV c/w LTC	\$1,900	125	\$15
120/160/200 MVA 240/25 kV c/w LTC	\$2,200	200	\$11

**All costs include shipping and typical taxes FOB Calgary, AB.
Estimated costs based on various order of magnitude quotes from
transformer vendors.**

- 1 This data shows that transformation costs range from \$28,000/MVA for a 25 MVA
- 2 transformer to \$11,000/MVA for a 200 MVA transformer.

- 3 We also received some current transformer cost information from Pennsylvania
- 4 Transformer Technology, Inc. This information is shown in Table 2.²¹ The data shows
- 5 that this sample set of new transformers above 25 MVA have an average cost of about
- 6 \$20,000/MVA (US dollars converted to Canadian dollars at 0.85 \$CDN/\$USD).

²¹ <http://www.patransformer.com/products.htm>

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1 Table 2 - Pennsylvania Transformer Technology, Inc. Transformer Cost Data

MVA	HV	LV	YV	Type	Tap Chgr	Price, USD	Size	\$/MVA CDN
7.5/10	72	4.16		step-up	no	\$319,788	10	\$37,622
15/20/25	115	12.47		step-down	LTC	\$819,596	25	\$38,569
25/33	138	13.2			LTC	\$814,906	33	\$29,052
25/33/42	161	24.94			LTC	\$995,302	42	\$27,880
25/33/42	115	12.47		step-down	LTC	\$992,370	42	\$27,797
39/52/65	138	34.5			LTC	\$1,112,482	65	\$20,135
50/66/83	138	67	12.47	Auto	LTC	\$1,701,471	83	\$24,117
60/80/100	161	69	13.8	Auto	DETC	\$966,177	100	\$11,367
67/90/112	138	34.5	12.47	Auto	LTC	\$1,555,059	112	\$16,335

2 We reviewed a number of recent interconnection proposals for new substations or
3 substation expansions and noted that in a few instances the TFO provided segregated
4 information for transformation costs. While many of the interconnection proposals
5 contained proposals for larger transformers, the costs were typically not provided in
6 enough detail to segregate transformation costs. Table 3 below shows the data
7 obtained.

8 Table 3 - Interconnection Proposal Cost Data

MVA	HV	LV	Tap Chgr	Price	Size	\$/MVA	Date	Source
45/60	138	13.8	LTC	\$1,650,000	60	\$27,500	30-Nov-06	ATCO Electric, Procter & Gamble Substation (808S) Interconnection Proposal, p. 6
15/20/25	144	25	LTC	\$825,240	25	\$33,010	30-May-06	ATCO Electric, Substation Capacity Upgrade, Cranberry Lake, 827 S, p. 16
15/20/25	138	25	LTC	\$826,389	25	\$33,056	24-Mar-06	AltaLink, Namaka 428S Transformer Addition, Interconnection Proposal, p. 12 & 24
22/33/42	138	25	LTC	\$992,113	42	\$23,622	21-Mar-06	AltaLink, Acheson 305S Substation Upgrade, Interconnection Proposal, p. 17

9 We are of the view that these unit costs are likely higher as some installation costs may
10 have been included. We do not believe that a larger transformer will have significantly
11 higher installation costs to warrant a higher incremental cost function equation.

12 This evidence suggests that incremental transformation costs above 25 MVA are about
13 \$10,000 to \$30,000/MVA. These values are significantly less than the AESO's
14 recommended Cost Function that proposes incremental costs of \$154,000/MW for all
15 interconnections above 7.5 MW.

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1 **1.3 PROPOSED COST FUNCTION**

2 The above analysis and our experience in Alberta suggests that both transmission line
3 and substation costs do not continue to increase with size over 30 MW at the same rate
4 as the AESO data suggests for POD capacities above 7.5 MW. We are of the view that
5 the proposed AESO Recommended Cost Function should recognize the economies of
6 scale for larger capacity interconnections above 40 MW, as we believe the Board
7 contemplated in its directive.²²

8 In our view the cost function for larger PODs should have a slope that is less than
9 \$154,000/MW (incremental transmission line and substation costs). Further, the slope
10 should be less than \$122,000/MW for substation data only.²³ Based on the above
11 analysis and the transformation cost evidence for larger transformers, we recommend
12 that the slope of the cost function above 40 MW should be \$30,000/MW.

13 The following Figure 7 shows our recommendations.²⁴ Theoretically, we hypothesize
14 that the actual cost function is more likely a curve, as suggested by the red dashed line
15 and the better fit logarithmic equation to correlate substation costs to DTS Contract
16 Capacity.

²² Decision 2005-095, p. 58, item 2.

²³ Slope of the best fit linear equation for substation costs only.

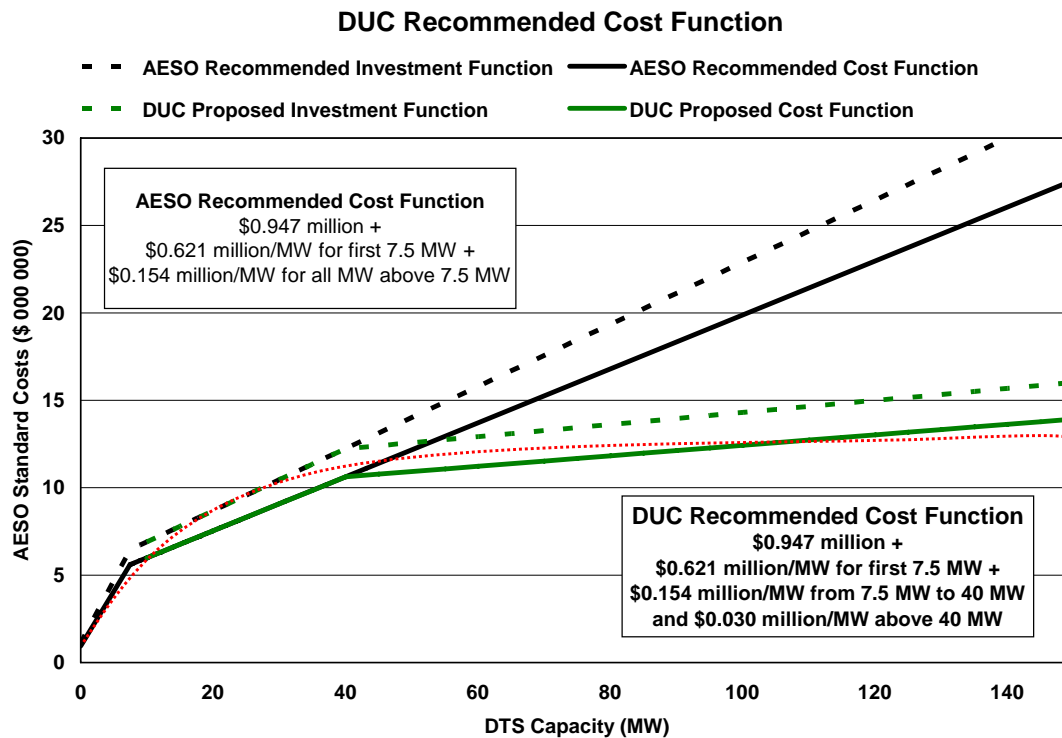
²⁴ DUC POD PSC Evidence App G Revised.xls, tab Revised Cost Function

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1 Figure 7 - DUC Recommended Cost Function



2 Our recommendation is based on the following:

- 3 • There is no correlation between incremental transmission line extension costs
 4 and POD size (see Figure 4 and Figure 5 above).
- 5 • The average cost of transmission line extensions for the AESO's Greenfield
 6 projects sample set is about \$1.5 million²⁵ and the average cost of the AESO's
 7 Radial Line Costs sample set is about \$2.0 million²⁶, with both sets of data
 8 showing no correlation to POD size.
- 9 • At a POD size above 40 MW, transmission line costs should be fully recovered
 10 under the AESO Recommended Cost Function (\$10.6 million)²⁷ and there is no
 11 AESO evidence to suggest that transmission line costs will increase with POD
 12 size above 40 MW.

²⁵ The average cost as noted on Figure 5.

²⁶ AESO Attachment to TCE.AESO-025.xls, tab DTS and Line, average of column D

²⁷ DUC POD PSC Evidence App G Revised.xls, tab All Projects, Cells M18:O19

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- 1 • The transformer cost data suggests that incremental transformation costs are
2 under \$30,000/MW for transformers above 25 MVA.

- 3 • Since the AESO Recommended Cost Function is based on the provision of a
4 standard service (one transformer), incremental substation costs above 40 MW
5 should be limited to transformation as no additional breakers or other major
6 equipment items would be included in the standard service cost (all other costs
7 are deemed optional facilities and are paid for by the customer).

- 8 • The additional information provided suggests that incremental transformation
9 costs are under \$30,000/MW for transformers above 25 MVA, therefore we
10 recommend a cost function with an incremental cost of \$30,000 above 40 MW.

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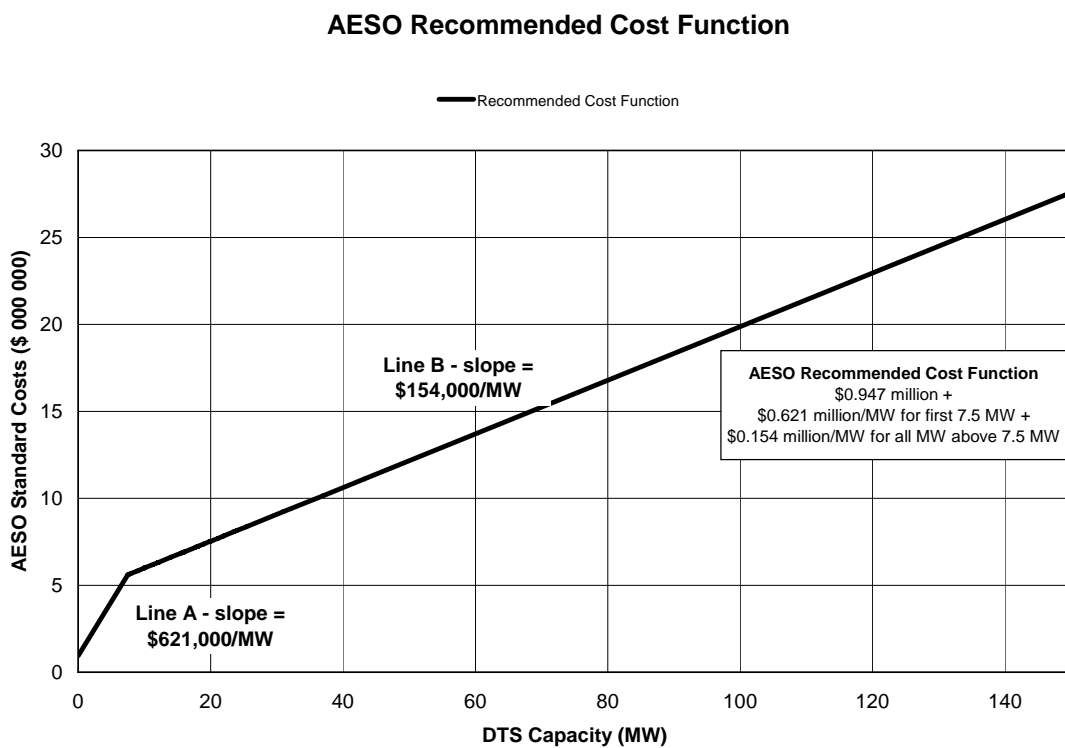
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1 **2.0 POINT OF DELIVERY RATE DESIGN**

2 Our recommended cost function should be applied to the AESO's proposed POD rate
 3 design. This can be accomplished by adding a fourth component to the POD charge
 4 and adjusting the rates to collect the \$188.6 million revenue requirement allocated to
 5 the wires related POD costs.²⁸

6 The AESO used the slopes of their Recommended Cost Function to allocate wires
 7 related costs between the Billing Capacity Charges for under and over 7.5 MW.²⁹ The
 8 AESO used the slopes of Line A and Line B, as shown on Figure 8, for their allocations.

9 Figure 8 - AESO Recommended Cost Function with Line Slopes



10 The AESO prorated the non-wires costs based on the wires cost allocations.³⁰ We used
 11 the same approach to allocate costs over the three proposed Billing Capacity Charges

²⁸ Schedule 5.5, lines 5-7, col C

²⁹ Schedule 5.5, lines 5-6, col A

³⁰ Schedule 5.5, lines 5-6, col B

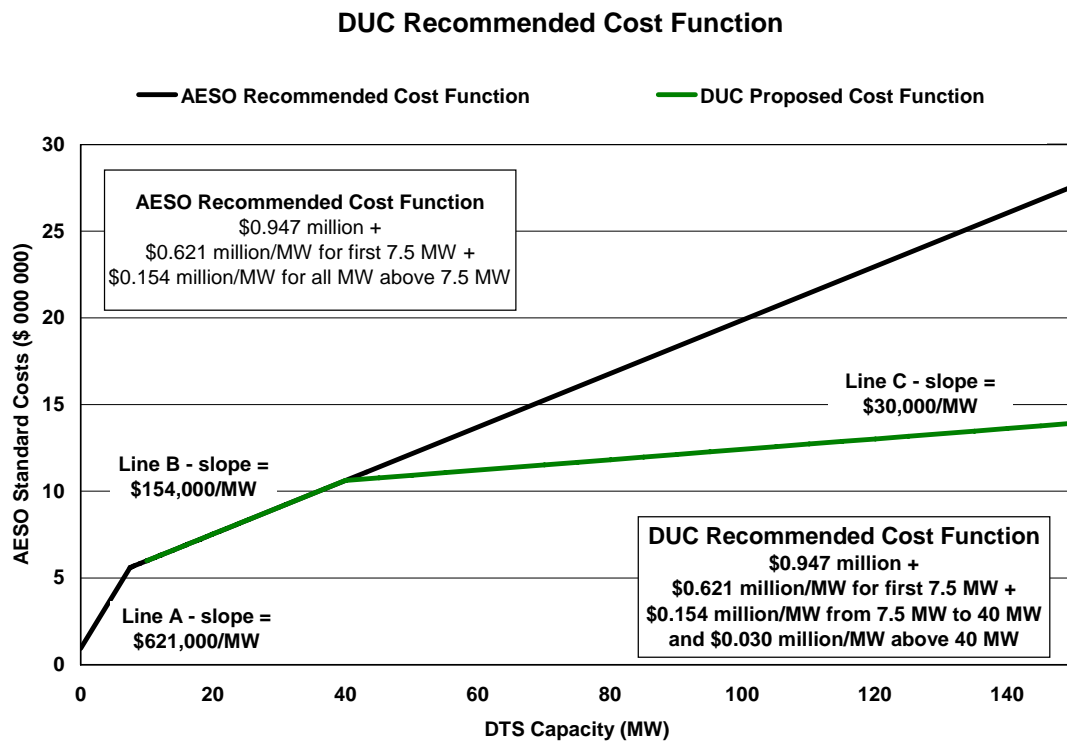
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1 (under 7.5 MW, 7.5 to 40 MW and over 40 MW), using the slopes of Lines A, B and C,
 2 as shown on Figure 9.

3 Figure 9 - DUC Recommended Cost Function with Line Slopes



4 Table 4 shows the results.³¹ Since we do not have access to the AESO's 2007 forecast
 5 of billing determinants, we estimated the number of MW-months in each of the three
 6 rate blocks which total the AESO's estimate of 114,648 MW-months for 2007.³² Using
 7 2006 billing data provided in response to BR.AESO-003, we allocated the AESO's
 8 forecast of 82,113 MW-months over 7.5 MW to 58,521 MW-months (71.3%) for 7.5 to
 9 40 MW and 23,613 MW-months (28.7%) for over 40 MW.³³ If our recommendations are
 10 accepted by the Board, we anticipate that the AESO will be able to refine these values
 11 in their re-filing.

³¹ DUC POD PSC Evidence Sched 5 Revised.xls, tab 5.5 DTS Rate

³² DUC POD PSC Evidence Sched 5 Revised.xls, tab 5.9 Determinants

³³ DUC POD PSC Evidence BR 3 Expanded.xls, tab BR-003 (a)-A3 Per Pod, columns AB to AG

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1 Table 4 - DUC Revised Schedule 5.5

Alberta Electric System Operator
AESO 2007 General Tariff Application

Rate Calculations
Schedule 5.5
November 3, 2006

			DUC Revised 2007 Rate Calculations Demand Transmission Service Rate Calculation								
			A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
Line No.	Description	Sch 5.4 Reference	Costs, \$ 000 000			Billing Determinant		Rate			
			Wires	Non-Wires	Total	Quantity	Unit	Wires	Non-Wires	Total	Unit
1	DTS System Charge										
2	Billing Capacity Charge	Lines 4, 7-10	135.1	4.8	139.9	118,929.4	MW-months	\$ 1,136.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 1,176.00	/MW
3	Flat Usage Charge	Lines 4, 7-10	127.9	4.7	132.6	54,682.5	GWh	\$ 2.34	\$ 0.09	\$ 2.42	/MWh
4	DTS POD Charge										
5	Billing Capacity Charge ≤ 7.5 MW	Lines 5, 7-10	107.9	3.8	111.7	32,514.8	MW-months	\$ 3,318.00	\$ 117.00	\$ 3,435.00	/MW
6	Billing Capacity Charge > 7.5 MW & ≤ 40 MW	Lines 5, 7-10	48.2	1.7	49.9	58,520.7	MW-months	\$ 823.00	\$ 29.00	\$ 852.00	/MW
6a	Billing Capacity Charge > 40 MW	Lines 5, 7-10	3.8	0.1	3.9	23,612.6	MW-months	\$ 160.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 166.00	/MW
7	Customer Charge	Lines 5, 7-10	22.4	0.8	23.1	4,854.4	customer-months	\$ 4,605.00	\$ 157.00	\$ 4,762.00	/month
8	DTS Operating Reserve Charge										
9	Varying Usage Charge (Note)	Line 17	125.2	-	125.2	54,682.5	GWh	3.33%	-	3.33%	× Pool Price
10	DTS Voltage Control (TMR) Charge										
11	Flat Usage Charge	Line 18	50.8	-	50.8	54,682.5	GWh	\$ 0.93	\$ -	\$ 0.93	/MWh
12	DTS Other System Support Services Charge										
13	Highest Metered Demand Charge	Line 22	7.8	-	7.8	101,353.4	MW-months	\$ 77.00	\$ -	\$ 77.00	/MW
14	Total DTS Cost Recovery		\$ 629.0	\$ 15.9	\$ 644.9						

Note: The 2007 forecast pool price is \$68.75/MWh

2 Based on the above allocations our recommended 2007 DTS rate POD Charges are as
3 follows:

- 4 (a) \$3,435.00/MW/month for the first 7.5 MW of Billing Capacity in the Billing Period,
5 multiplied by the Substation Fraction, plus
- 6 (b) \$852.00/MW/month for the next 32.5 MW of Billing Capacity in the Billing Period,
7 plus
- 8 (c) \$166.00/MW/month for all Billing Capacity over 40 MW in the Billing Period, plus
- 9 (d) \$4,762.00/month in the Billing Period, multiplied by the Substation Fraction.

10 For the purposes of comparison, the AESO's proposed 2007 DTS rate POD Charges
11 are as follows:

- 12 (a) \$3,129.00/MW/month for the first 7.5 MW of Billing Capacity in the Billing Period,
13 multiplied by the Substation Fraction, plus
- 14 (b) \$776.00/MW/month for all Billing Capacity over 7.5 MW in the Billing Period, plus
- 15 (c) \$4,762.00/month in the Billing Period, multiplied by the Substation Fraction.

16 **2.1 DUC POD RATE DESIGN IMPACT**

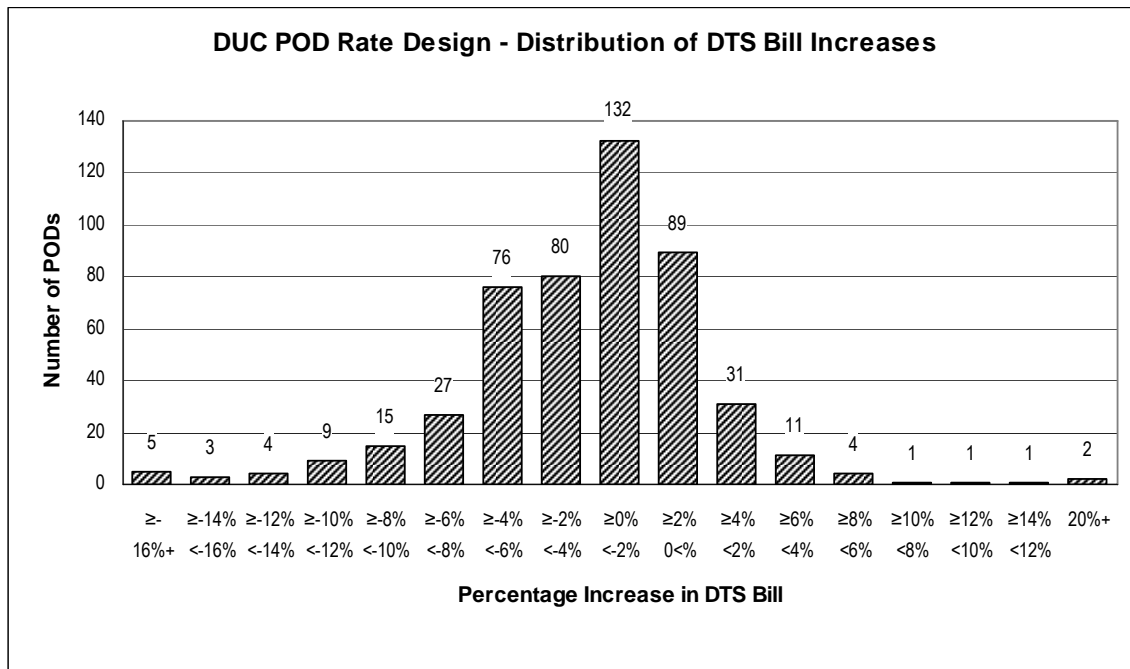
17 As the above indicates, if one compares our proposed changes to the POD rate design
18 to the AESO's proposed 2007 DTS rate, our proposal will result in a relatively small

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- 1 change to the average AESO customers' bill. The Figure 10 histogram shows that the
- 2 vast majority of AESO customers will see an average monthly bill change from -10% to
- 3 plus 6%.³⁴
- 4 Figure 10 - Distribution of Bill Increases from AESO Proposed 2007 DTS Rate to DUC Proposed 2007 DTS Rate



- 5 Table 5 shows that the impact of the proposed POD rate design on customers under 5
- 6 MW will be on average 7.2%, whereas the largest customers over 50 MW will see an
- 7 average 2.7% reduction, compared to the AESO's proposed 2007 DTS rate.³⁵

³⁴ DUC POD PSC Evidence BR 3 Expanded.xls, tab BR-003 (a)-A2 Distribution. Same format as provided by the AESO.

³⁵ DUC POD PSC Evidence BR 3 Expanded.xls, tab BR-003 (a)-A1 Summary. Same format as provided by the AESO.

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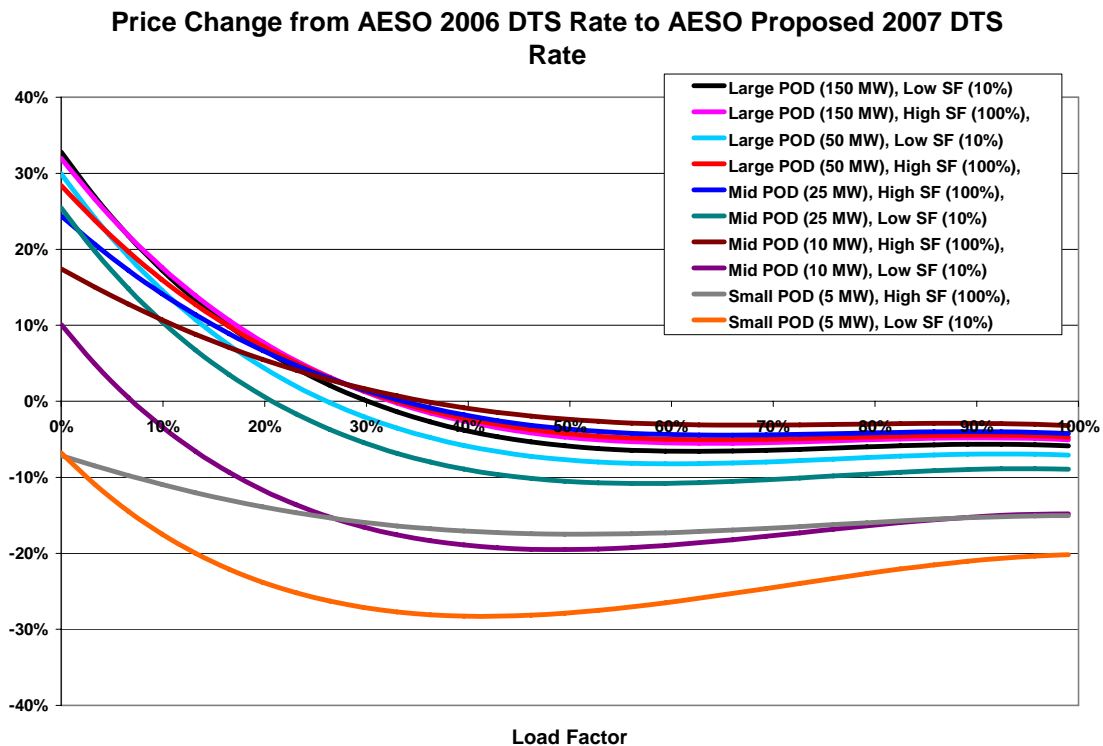
- 1 Table 5 - Impact of Bill Increases from AESO Proposed 2007 DTS Rate to DUC Proposed 2007 DTS Rate

**Impact of DUC POD Rate Design Recommendations
 Summary of Average Per-POD DTS Monthly Bill Impacts for DTS Charges**

Description	Billing Capacity (MW)						Total
	0 to <5	5 to <10	10 to <17	17 to <25	25 to <50	50 to 180	
Number of Accounts	101	92	100	65	82	51	491
AESO 2007 Proposed	\$11,860	\$48,667	\$78,321	\$110,373	\$179,388	\$381,118	\$111,667
DUC 2007 Recommended	\$12,718	\$51,434	\$80,107	\$109,942	\$179,716	\$370,949	\$111,667
DUC Increases (\$)	\$858	\$2,767	\$1,786	-\$431	\$328	-\$10,169	\$0
DUC Increases (%)	7.2%	5.7%	2.3%	-0.4%	0.2%	-2.7%	0.0%

- 2 Figure 11 shows the impact of the AESO’s proposed 2007 DTS rate compared to the
 3 current 2006 DTS rate for different sized customers and substation fraction (SF) levels
 4 over a range of load factors:³⁶

Figure 11 -Price Change from AESO Proposed 2007 DTS Rate to AESO 2006 DTS Rate



- 5 The types of customers in the figure legend are sorted from the highest rate impact to
 6 the lowest at 0% load factor (left side of the figure). One can see that under the AESO’s

³⁶ DUC POD PSC Evidence Rate Comparisons.xls, tab 2007 DTS vs 2006 DTS Chart

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1 proposed 2007 DTS rate design, the larger the customer and the lower the load factor
2 the higher the price increase.

3 The majority of the price increases shown on Figure 11 for larger sized PODs stem from
4 the AESO's Recommended Cost Function that overstates interconnection costs for
5 larger PODs, which results in higher POD Charges.

6 The majority of the price increases shown on Figure 11 for low load factor customers
7 stem from the AESO's proposed change from the 12 CP to the NCP / A&E allocation
8 methods for DTS bulk system charges. This is a result of there being a greater
9 probability that a customer will be able to avoid the system peak under a CP allocation
10 method at a lower load factor. This analysis is valid for industrial customers whose
11 monthly CP is likely not correlated to system peaks caused by residential and
12 commercial electricity consumption patterns.

13 We have used the AESO's ratio of CMD (average system coincident demand) / HMD
14 (highest metered demand) to correlate CP and NCP / A&E values, as shown in Figure
15 12.³⁷ A polynomial equation with five degrees of freedom and no intercept was used to
16 correlate CMD / HMD to average billing load factor using the 2006 billing data the AESO
17 provided in response to BR.AESO-003 (b)-A3. The R² statistic of 74% suggests a
18 reasonably good fit of the data to the equation.

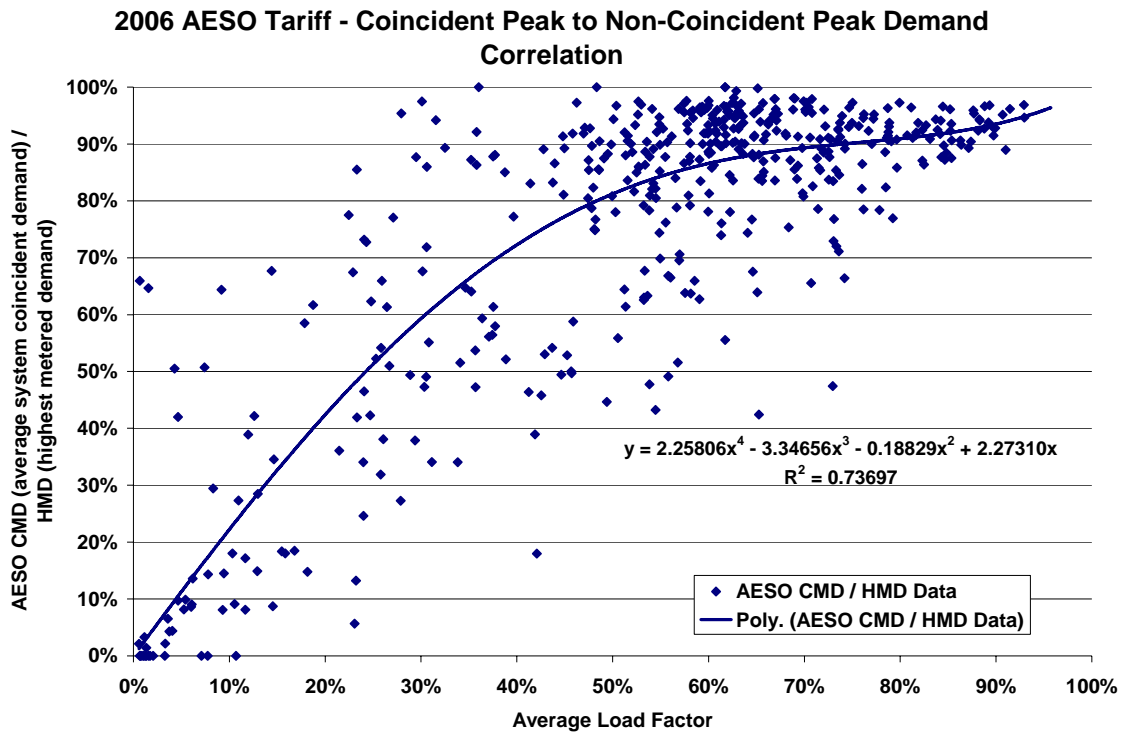
³⁷ DUC POD PSC Evidence BR 3 Expanded.xls, Tab CP NCP Correlation. Plot of CMD/HMD vs. load factor from AESO.BR-003 (a)-A3

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- 1 Figure 12 – Correlation of AESO Average Coincident Peak Demand / Highest Metered Demand vs. Average Load Factor
- 2



- 3 Figure 13 shows the price impact from our recommended 2007 DTS rate, with the
- 4 modified POD charges, compared to the current 2006 Tariff DTS rate.³⁸

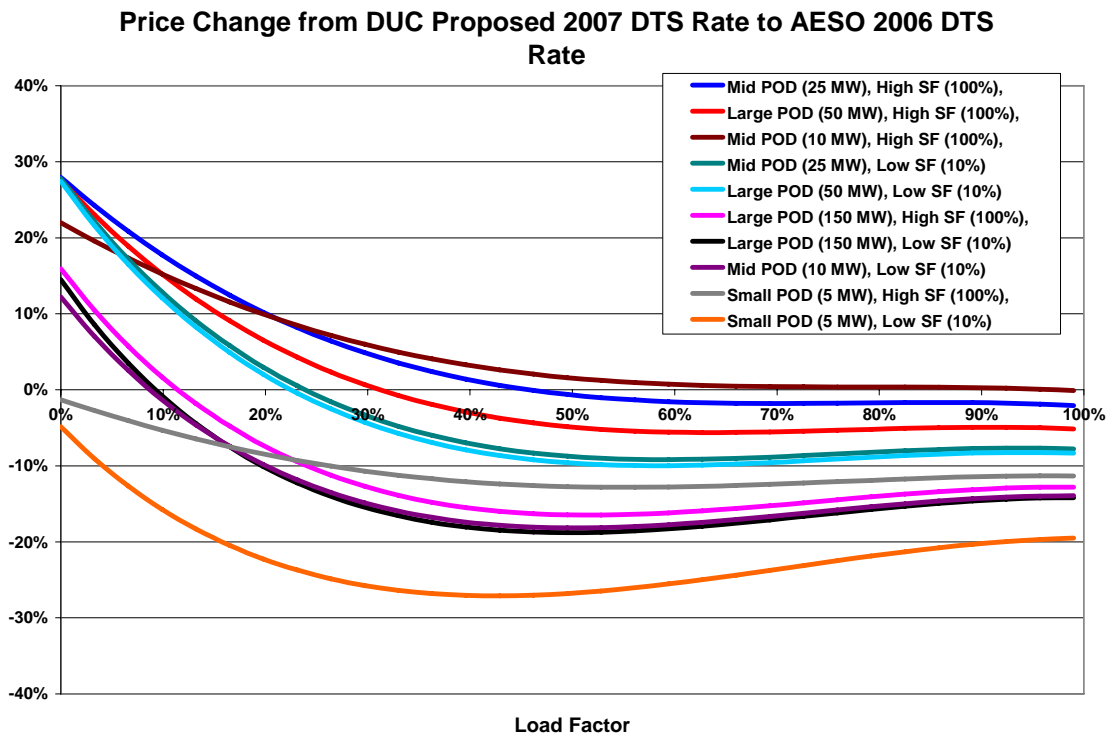
³⁸ DUC POD PSC Evidence Rate Comparisons.xls, tab DUC 2007 DTS vs AESO 2006 Chart

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1 Figure 13 - Price Change from DUC Proposed 2007 DTS Rate to AESO 2006 DTS Rate



2 With the types of customers in the figure legend sorted from the highest rate impact to
 3 the lowest, one can see that under our proposed rate design price impacts are slightly
 4 muted (the range of price increase are lower than Figure 11) and POD size is no longer
 5 the predominate factor for the largest price increases.

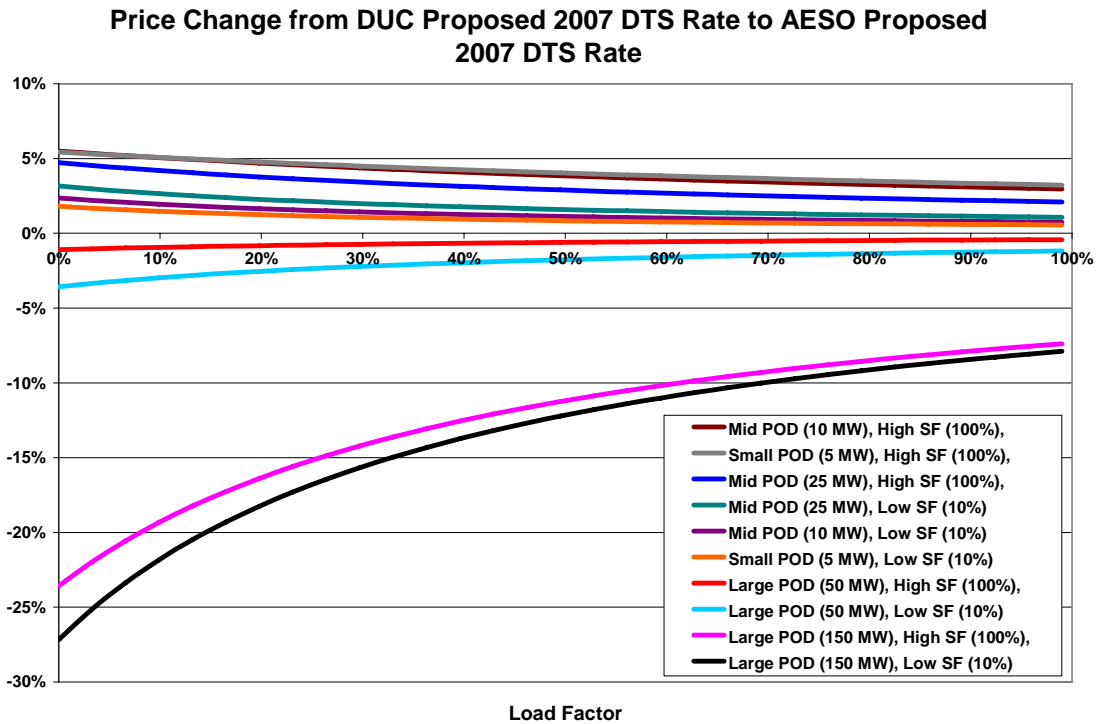
6 Figure 14 shows the price difference between the AESO's proposed 2007 DTS rate and
 7 our proposed 2007 DTS rate (with the proposed changes to the POD charges).

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1 Figure 14 - Price Change from DUC Proposed 2007 DTS Rate to AESO Proposed 2007 DTS Rate



- 2 The larger PODs are recommended to see a lower price than the AESO's proposed
- 3 2007 DTS rate in recognition of the lower cost to interconnect larger PODs to the grid.
- 4 The price difference declines at higher load factors. The smaller PODs (under 40 MW)
- 5 are proposed to receive small price increases from the AESO's 2007 DTS rate
- 6 proposal.

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1 **3.0 CONTRIBUTION POLICY**

2 Our recommended cost function should also be applied to the AESO's proposed
3 investment policy in the same manner as the AESO has applied its Recommended Cost
4 Function. This will ensure that the DTS rate is appropriately aligned with the rest of the
5 tariff. In the same manner that the AESO's proposed investment policy flows from the
6 AESO's Recommended Cost Function,³⁹ our recommended investment levels flow from
7 our recommended cost function.⁴⁰

AESO Recommended Cost Function

Break at 7.5 MW
\$0.947 million
plus \$0.621 million/MW for First 7.5 MW
plus \$0.154 million/MW for Remaining MW

AESO Recommended Investment Function

\$1.090 million x Substation Fraction
plus \$0.716 million/MW for First 7.5 MW x Substation Fraction
plus \$0.178 million/MW for Remaining MW

AESO Recommended Investment Function per Year of 20-Year Contract Term

\$54,500 /year x Substation Fraction
plus \$35,800 /MW/year for First 7.5 MW x Substation Fraction
plus \$8,900 /MW/year for Remaining MW

DUC Recommended Cost Function

Break at 7.5 MW
\$0.947 million
plus \$0.621 million/MW for First 7.5 MW
plus \$0.154 million/MW for the next 32.5 MW
plus \$0.030 million/MW for Remaining MW

DUC Recommended Investment Function

\$1.090 million x Substation Fraction
plus \$0.716 million/MW for First 7.5 MW
plus \$0.178 million/MW for the next 32.5 MW
plus \$0.035 million/MW for Remaining MW

DUC Recommended Investment Function per Year of 20-Year Contract Term

\$54,500 /year x Substation Fraction
plus \$35,800 /MW/year for First 7.5 MW x Substation Fraction
plus \$8,900 /MW/year for the next 32.5 MW
plus \$1,700 /MW/year for Remaining MW

³⁹ From Appendix G spreadsheet, tab All Projects, cells A73:F88 (also DUC POD PSC Evidence App G Revised.xls, tab All Projects, cells A73:F88)

⁴⁰ DUC POD PSC Evidence App G Revised.xls, tab All Projects, cells A90:F107

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1 We recommend that our proposed investment levels be incorporated into Article 9.6 (a)
2 (i) of the AESO's Terms and Conditions of Service.

3 We have considered whether the proposed maximum investment levels will provide
4 sufficient investment to meet the test that 80% of new interconnections will not require a
5 capital contribution for new interconnections or expansion greater than 40 MW. In most
6 instances, large substations over 40 MW would require multiple transformers. With
7 more than one transformer, substations costs increase as additional breakers and other
8 equipment is required. However, the AESO's definition of a standard service is a single
9 transformer and associated equipment.⁴¹

10 We also note that some of the newer and larger interconnections are associated with
11 Industrial Systems where the customer has provided their own substation(s). We
12 anticipate that at least in the near to medium term many of the new large
13 interconnections will be associated with oilsands developments and many will likely
14 seek an Industrial System Designation. In these cases the Maximum Investment
15 amounts are less likely to be fully utilized for PODs over 40 MW as customers will be
16 paying the full cost for the substations.

17 Given that the investment policy is applied to the standard level of service (one
18 transformer), we are of the view that our recommended investment levels will satisfy the
19 test that 80% of new large interconnections over 40 MW will not pay a contribution on
20 the standard facilities.

21 Figure 15 shows the AESO existing, AESO proposed, and DUC recommended
22 investment levels for a new load only interconnection (100% substation fraction) where
23 the customer executes a 20 year contract.⁴²

⁴¹ See footnote 17

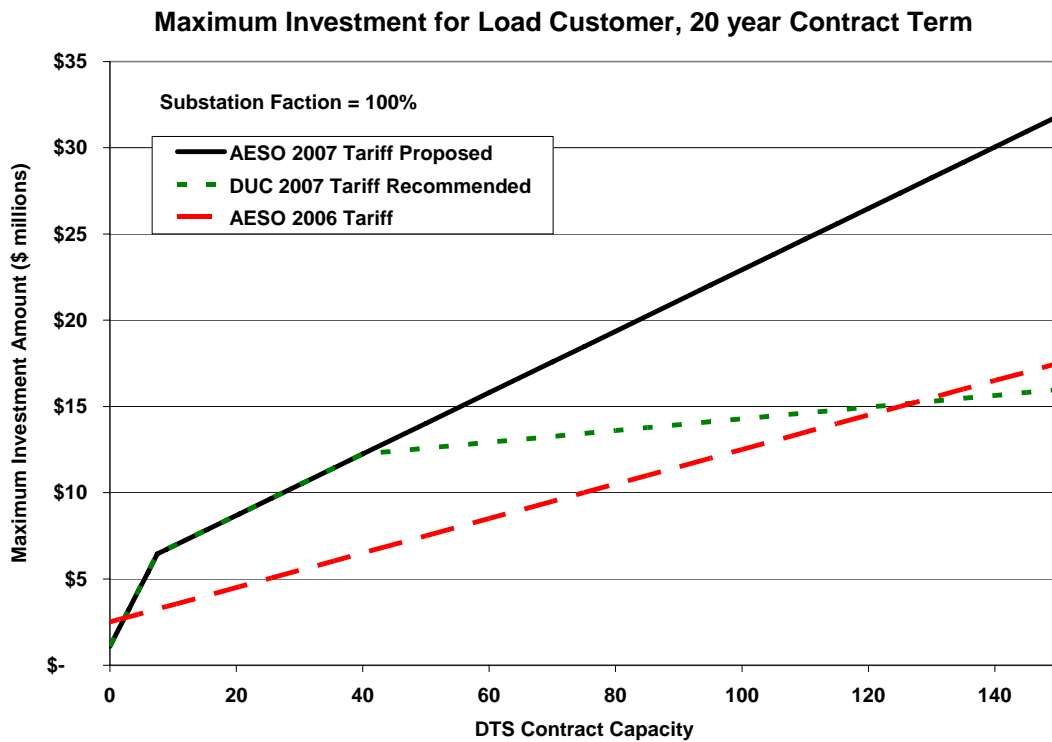
⁴² DUC POD PSC Evidence App G Revised.xls, tab Investment Level Chart, with cell C2 set to 100% on DUC
POD PSC Evidence App G Revised.xls, tab Investment Levels

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- Figure 15 - DUC Recommended Investment Function – 100% Substation Fraction



- At a 50% substation fraction (load and generation the same size), the maximum
- investment levels are reduced as shown in Figure 16.⁴³

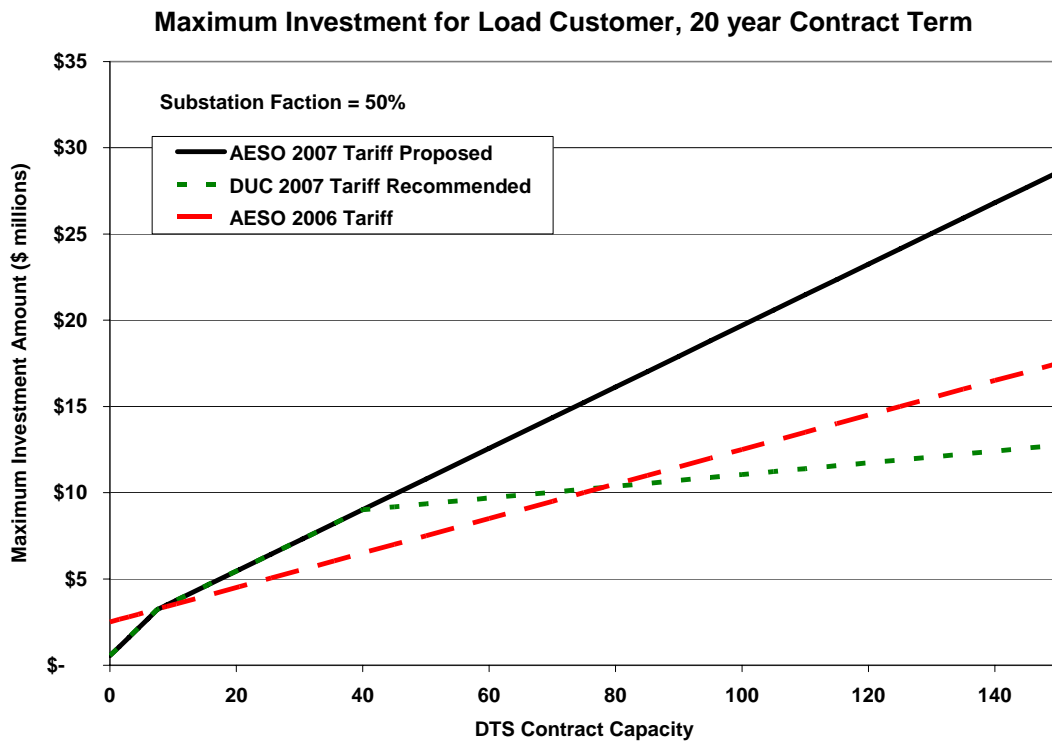
⁴³ DUC POD PSC Evidence App G Revised.xls, tab Investment Level Chart, with cell C2 set to 50% on DUC POD PSC Evidence App G Revised.xls, tab Investment Levels

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1 Figure 16 - DUC Recommended Investment Function – 50% Substation Fraction



2 It should be noted that the current contribution policy investment amounts are not
 3 reduced based on substation fraction. Under the AESO's and our proposed maximum
 4 investment levels, a generation customer with a small amount of DTS contract capacity
 5 (Substation Fraction = 10%) would receive lower maximum investment amounts, as
 6 shown in Figure 17.⁴⁴

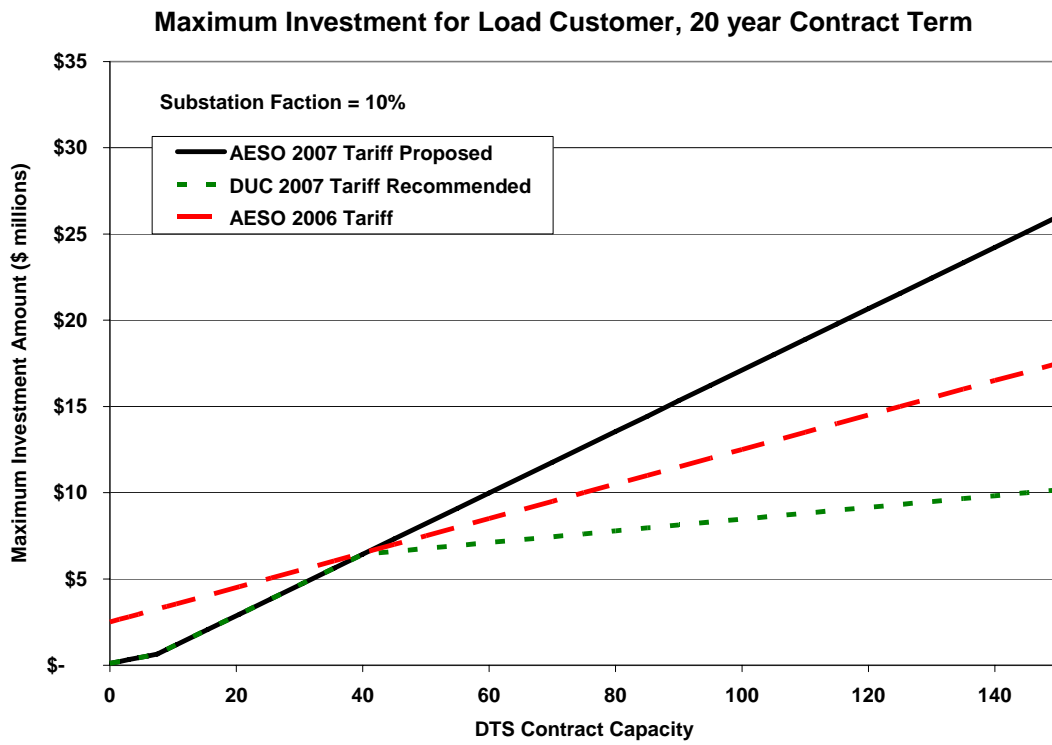
⁴⁴ DUC POD PSC Evidence App G Revised.xls, tab Investment Level Chart, with cell C2 set to 10% on DUC POD PSC Evidence App G Revised.xls, tab Investment Levels

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1 Figure 17 - DUC Recommended Investment Function – 10% Substation Fraction



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1 **4.0 PRIMARY SERVICE CREDIT**

2 The AESO has proposed that the PSC should be reduced from \$660/MW/month and
3 set at 40% of the POD charges.⁴⁵ In our view, the AESO's interconnection cost data
4 (which is limited to substations under 30 MW) does not support this determination for
5 the avoidance of transformation related costs.

6 The AESO provided interconnection cost data for 28 projects that included total
7 substation costs, transformation costs and breaker costs.⁴⁶ Plotting the transformer
8 costs provides an indication of the total cost of transformation where the customer owns
9 and paid for the transformer(s). Figure 18 shows that 15% of the AESO's
10 Recommended Cost Function aligns with the best fit line for the transformer costs data
11 points.⁴⁷

⁴⁵ Application s. 4.10, page 51 of 53, lines 15-21

⁴⁶ AESO Appendix G spreadsheet, tab Cost Data Subs 2007

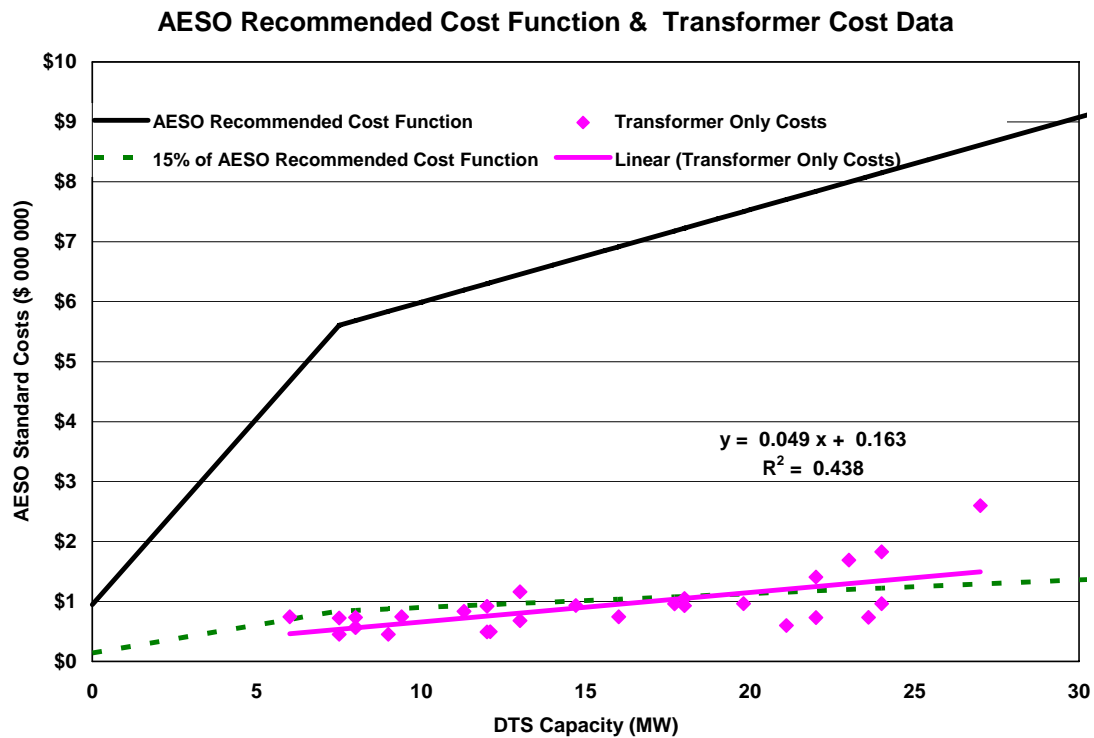
⁴⁷ DUC POD PSC Evidence App G Revised.xls, tab Cost Function & Transformers

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1 Figure 18 - AESO Recommended Cost Function & Correlation of Transformer Only Cost Data



- 2 With the availability of better interconnection cost data and the proposed POD rate
 3 design we are of the view that the PSC should properly reflect the fact that most PSC
 4 customers have supplied not only their own transformers, but the entire substation.
 5 The substation cost data suggests that 55% of interconnection costs are substation
 6 related. It therefore follows that for customers who own their own substations the PSC
 7 should be set at 55% of the POD charges, as shown in Figure 19.⁴⁸

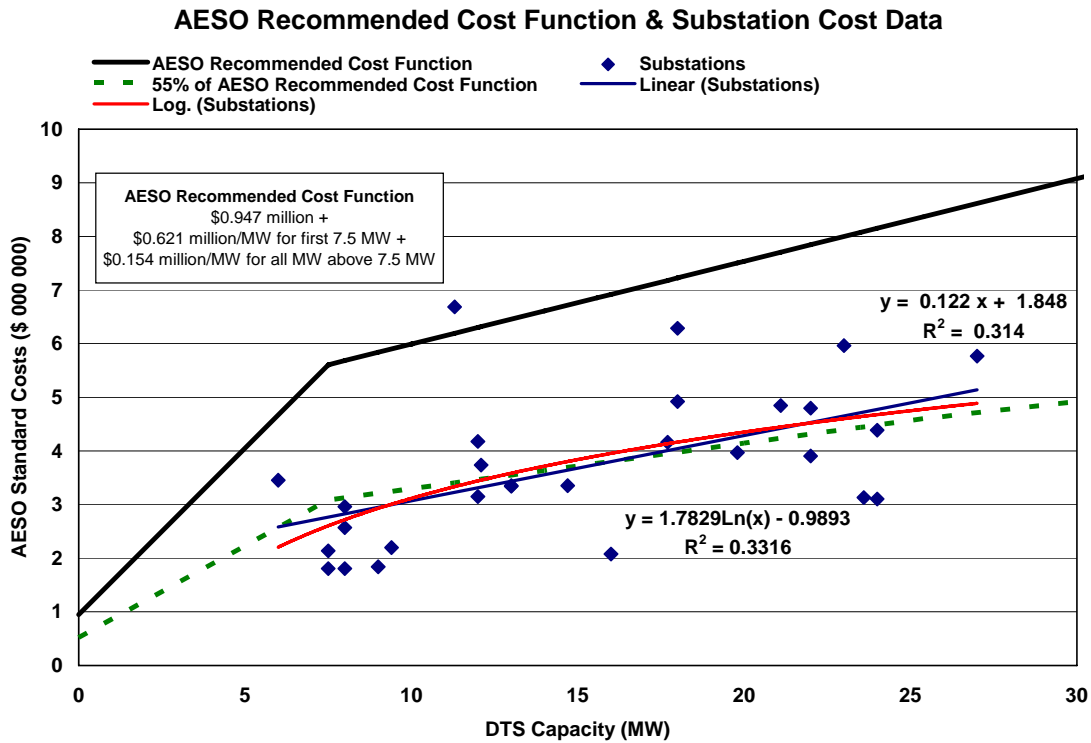
⁴⁸ DUC POD PSC Evidence App G Revised.xls, tab Cost Function with Subs Only

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1 Figure 19 - AESO Recommended Cost Function & Correlation of Substation Only Cost Data



2 The AESO's proposed PSC is as follows (40% of AESO Recommended Cost Function):

- 3 (a) \$1,252.00/MW/month for the first 7.5 MW of Billing Capacity in the Billing Period,
- 4 multiplied by the Substation Fraction, plus
- 5 (b) \$310.00/MW/month for all Billing Capacity over 7.5 MW in the Billing Period, plus
- 6 (c) \$1,905.00/month in the Billing Period, multiplied by the Substation Fraction.

7 We recommend that the PSC be adjusted up to 40 MW for customers (if any) who only
 8 own their own transformers (15% of our recommended POD Charges):⁴⁹

- 9 (a) \$515.00/MW/month for the first 7.5 MW of Billing Capacity in the Billing Period,
- 10 multiplied by the Substation Fraction, plus
- 11 (b) \$128.00/MW/month for the next 32.5 MW of Billing Capacity in the Billing Period,
- 12 plus
- 13 (c) \$166.00/MW/month for all Billing Capacity over 40 MW in the Billing Period, plus
- 14 (d) \$714.00/month in the Billing Period, multiplied by the Substation Fraction.

⁴⁹ DUC POD PSC Evidence Sched 5 Revised.xls, tab 5.5 DTS Rate, cells W14:W19

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1 We also recommend that the PSC be adjusted be adjusted up to 40 MW for customers
2 who own their substation (55% of our recommended POD Charges).⁵⁰

3 (a) \$1,889.00/MW/month for the first 7.5 MW of Billing Capacity in the Billing Period,
4 multiplied by the Substation Fraction, plus

5 (b) \$469.00/MW/month for the next 32.5 MW of Billing Capacity in the Billing Period,
6 plus

7 (c) \$166.00/MW/month for all Billing Capacity over 40 MW in the Billing Period, plus

8 (d) \$2,619.00/month in the Billing Period, multiplied by the Substation Fraction.

9 For POD sizes over 40 MW, our recommended cost function is based on the premise
10 that the only incremental cost element is transformation. Therefore we recommend that
11 the PCS for Billing Capacity over 40 MW be set equal to our recommended POD charge
12 for Billing Capacity over 40 MW (\$166/MW/month).

13 **4.1 PSC ELIGIBILITY**

14 The AESO is proposing that the PSC be extended to ten Isolated Community and
15 Unconventional Interconnection customers.⁵¹ The AESO is forecasting annual PSC of
16 \$341 thousand to the eight Isolation Community customers and \$46 thousand for two
17 Unconventional Interconnection customers.

18 The AESO states under section 4 of its application at page 52 of 53:

19 In addition to the level and structure changes, the AESO proposes that the
20 eligibility criteria for the Primary Service Credit be refocused from whether the
21 customer-owned transformation would have reduced TFO investment to whether
22 the TFO owns conventional transformation equipment utilized in providing
23 service to the customer. The AESO considers that such a change would
24 appropriately accommodate the unconventional and “virtual” interconnections
25 discussed in section 4.5.2 of this Application.

26 Under section 4.5.2, the AESO states at page 20 of 53:

27 Some small loads represent “virtual” transmission services for the purpose of
28 section 3(b) of the *Isolated Generating Units and Customer Choice Regulation*,
29 whereby transmission charges are attributed to an isolated community “as if the
30 isolated community were being provided with system access service via the
31 interconnected electric system.” However, there is no physical transmission
32 substation associated with the isolated community. If those communities were
33 actually connected to the electric system their small capacities would likely lead

⁵⁰ DUC POD PSC Evidence Sched 5 Revised.xls, tab 5.5 DTS Rate, cells X14:X19

⁵¹ Schedule CG.AESO-017 (b-c) page 2 of 2

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1 to connection through a distribution network rather than directly to the
2 transmission system as a stand-alone substation.

3 The *Isolated Generating Units and Customer Choice Regulation* states under s. 6(c):

4 6 The costs associated with providing electric energy to customers in an
5 isolated community must be paid in accordance with the following:

6 (c) the owner of the electric distribution system in whose service area the
7 isolated community is located must pay the Transmission Administrator for
8 system access service as if the isolated community were being provided
9 with system access service via the interconnected electric system;

10 The AESO charges ATCO Electric at the Isolated Communities as if the sites were
11 interconnected to the transmissions grid.

12 Section 6 (d) of the regulation states:

13 (d) the Transmission Administrator must pay the owner referred to in
14 clause (c) the costs associated with providing electric energy to an
15 isolated community in accordance with the tariff approved by the Board
16 pursuant to section 3(b);

17 The tariff from ATCO Electric to the AESO includes the revenue requirement associated
18 with the isolated generation units, including capital recovery, maintenance and fuel
19 costs. In our experience, the provision of electricity from remote generators has a full
20 cost in excess of \$250/MWh.⁵²

21 While the tariff from ATCO Electric to the AESO for the isolated generation units
22 excludes costs related to transmission substations (as there are none), the isolated
23 generation unit costs are included. Costs per isolated generation site are on average
24 over \$2 million per year,⁵³ well in excess of the estimated DTS revenue of the \$160,000
25 per year the AESO receives from each of these sites.⁵⁴

26 In our view, the intent of the PSC is to recognize the financial contributions made by the
27 PSC eligible customer and the corresponding avoided investment by TFOs. In the case
28 of the isolated generation sites, we are not aware of any avoided investments due to
29 ATCO Electric's requirement to invest capital in isolated generation plants.

⁵² For example, ATCO Electric's 2007 TFO Filing shows forecast cost of \$247/MWh excluding return on equity and debt costs (page 4-1 & Schedules 5-1, 5-6 & 6-6).

⁵³ ATCO Electric's 2007 TFO Filing shows forecast cost of over \$18 million excluding return on equity and debt costs and Schedule CG.AESO-17 (b), page 2 of 2, shows a total of eight isolated sites.

⁵⁴ DUC POD PSC Evidence CG 17 Expanded.xls, tab CG-017 (b-c) PSC Details p2, cells M8:R22

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1 We recognize that interconnecting these remote communities to the provincial grid
2 would likely result in higher costs than continuing to operate the isolated generation
3 units. However, in our view, this should not be the test for eligibility of the PSC. For
4 dual-use customers, customers eligible for the PSC have chosen to decline investment
5 by the AESO in necessary substation facilities and have incurred that expense on their
6 own, thus increasing costs to themselves and benefiting all other AESO customers. In
7 this case, transmission costs to other customers are lower, and fairness dictates that
8 customers who own their own substations should receive a tariff cost reduction.

9 In the case of the isolated generation units, there is no cost saving choice. The lowest
10 cost option, interconnection to the grid or isolation generation unit, is provided. There is
11 no avoided investment that makes AESO customers better off, and hence there should
12 be no tariff cost reduction (i.e. PSC) for the isolated generation PODs.

13 For the above reasons we recommend that the Isolation Community customers not be
14 eligible for the PSC.

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2 The AESO is proposing that the quantum of the 2007 Primary Service Credits paid to
3 the 2006 PSC eligible customers be reduced to \$3.2 million. Our recommendations
4 would increase the total to about \$3.5 million. These are significant reductions from the
5 \$6.2 million paid under the AESO's 2006 tariff.⁵⁵

6 The AESO is also proposing that the quantum of the 2007 POD charges be \$8.1 million
7 to the 2006 PSC eligible customers. Our recommendations would reduce the total to
8 about \$5.7 million. Our recommendation is a reduction from the \$8.2 million paid under
9 the AESO's 2006 tariff.⁵⁶

10 Table 6 shows the impact of the proposed changes for PSC eligible dual-use customers
11 by combining the recommended PSC and the POD charges.⁵⁷

⁵⁵ DUC POD PSC Evidence CG 17 Expanded.xls, tab PSC, row 32

⁵⁶ DUC POD PSC Evidence CG 17 Expanded.xls, tab POD Charges, row 32

⁵⁷ CG.AESO-17 (b) spreadsheet revised to include our recommendations, see DUC POD PSC Evidence CG 17 Expanded.xls, tab POD + PSC Charges

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1 Table 6 - POD + PSC Charges - Price Impact of AESO and DUC Proposed 2007 DTS Rate

Substation	POD Charges plus PSC										
	2006					2007 Forecast		AESO Proposed		DUC Recommended	
	Derived Billing Capacity	Dual-Use Customer		Other MW	Annual POD*+PSC	Billing Capacity	Substation Fraction	Monthly POD+PSC	Annual POD+PSC	Monthly POD+PSC	Annual POD+PSC
		DTS MW	STS MW								
2006 PSC Customers		2006 Actual						2007 Forecast			
Botha 758S	6.4	5.5	22.0	-	\$56,174	6.1	0.20000	\$2,861	\$34,336	\$2,314	\$27,773
Brazeau Plant	16.4	18.5	-	359.2	22,137	16.7	0.04898	5,117	61,400	4,200	50,401
Calpine CES1	5.4	6.0	280.0	-	8,559	5.4	0.02098	273	3,271	220	2,641
Express Hardisty	2.7	4.6	-	-	264,323	6.5	1.00000	15,058	180,690	12,190	146,283
Exshaw	29.2	29.2	-	-	279,250	29.9	1.00000	27,373	328,475	22,324	267,890
Foster Creek	10.8	8.0	80.0	-	30,001	9.2	0.09091	2,332	27,981	1,901	22,806
Imperial Oil Cold Lake	97.6	40.0	67.0	-	153,302	97.4	0.37383	48,224	578,688	21,883	262,599
Keephills Blackstart	20.9	15.0	-	764.5	16,818	15.1	0.01924	3,867	46,409	3,178	38,137
MacKay River	10.8	9.5	157.0	-	21,103	11.0	0.05706	2,597	31,167	2,126	25,508
Medicine Hat	32.4	26.0	90.0	-	77,188	29.3	0.22414	13,954	167,454	11,437	137,243
Muskeg River	21.0	20.0	170.0	-	39,493	20.2	0.10526	7,701	92,409	6,315	75,780
Namaka	2.0	2.0	120.0	23.5	4,713	1.9	0.01375	88	1,060	70	838
Nexen #1	1.9	2.0	110.0	0.9	5,714	1.8	0.01771	110	1,325	87	1,047
NOVA Joffre #1	120.3	133.7	470.0	31.2	123,209	120.3	0.21060	56,131	673,574	21,352	256,221
Primrose	49.0	23.7	85.0	0.1	84,821	47.0	0.21764	22,093	265,111	15,973	191,675
Redwater Cogen	16.0	16.0	-	-	271,832	15.5	1.00000	20,663	247,950	16,803	201,639
Ruth Lake	20.0	15.3	100.0	11.6	43,031	35.2	0.12092	14,956	179,471	12,281	147,374
Shell Scotford	180.0	200.0	82.0	-	287,895	180.0	0.70922	92,395	1,108,743	32,660	391,924
Summerview	1.0	0.6	68.4	-	2,848	1.0	0.00870	41	494	32	385
Suncor #1 Standby	135.0	150.0	220.0	-	182,677	135.0	0.40541	66,280	795,365	25,126	301,509
Wabamun Standby	10.0	11.0	-	278.6	15,631	10.1	0.03798	1,855	22,257	1,519	18,222
Total 2006 PSC Customers	788.9	736.6	—	—	\$1,990,719	794.6	—	\$403,969	\$4,847,632	\$213,991	\$2,567,895

Note: * Excluding the \$0.08/MWh Energy Charge

2 The AESO is also proposing that the quantum of the 2007 PSC + POD charges be \$4.8
3 million to the 2006 PSC eligible customers. Our recommendations would reduce the
4 total to about \$2.2 million. This is a 12% increase from the \$2.0 million paid under the
5 AESO's 2006 tariff.

6 In the spreadsheet entitled DUC POD PSC Evidence CG 17 Expanded.xls there are
7 figures that show unit costs (\$/MW/month) for PSC, POD and PSC + POD charges.⁵⁸
8 These charts show that the POD \$/MW/month charges under the AESO's proposed
9 2007 tariff and the DUC's recommendations are similar for customers over 40 MW,
10 assuming that the customer owns the entire substation. The DUC's POD charges are
11 similar for customers under 40 MW and lower for customers over 40 MW compared to
12 the AESO's tariffs. Interestingly, combining the PSC and POD charges results in the
13 AESO's 2006 Tariff and the DUC's recommendations providing similar \$/MW/month
14 charges for customers over 30 MW.

⁵⁸ DUC POD PSC Evidence CG 17 Expanded.xls, tab PSC Chart, POD Charge Chart and PSC + POD Charges Chart. The substation fraction can be adjusted by changing the value in cell C4 on tab Per MW Change.

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2 The spreadsheets noted in the middle column of Table 7 below are provided to support
3 this evidence:

4 Table 7 – DUC Spreadsheets

Original Source	DUC Spreadsheet Name	Purpose
AESO Application Appendix G spreadsheet 2006-11-03 AESO 2007 GTA - G Contribution Study Data.xls	DUC POD PSC Evidence App G Revised.xls	Review the AESO data to proposed a revised cost function and contribution policy amounts
BR.AESO-003 attachment spreadsheet 2007-02-26 AESO 2007 GTA - IRs Att BR.AESO-003 (a)-A Rev - DTS Impacts - As Filed.xls	DUC POD PSC Evidence BR 3 tabs Expanded.xls	Review the 2006 billing determinants
AESO application spreadsheet 2006-11-03 AESO 2007 GTA - 5 Rate Calculations.xls	DUC POD PSC Evidence Sched 5 Revised.xls	Revised rate design for POD charges and PSC
	DUC POD PSC Evidence Rate Comparisons.xls	Show generic impact of DUC proposed POD charges and PSC
CG.AESO-017 attachment spreadsheet 2007-02-05 AESO 2007 GTA - IRs Att CG.AESO-017 (b-c) - PSC Details.xls	DUC POD PSC Evidence CG 17 Expanded.xls	Show impact of DUC proposed POD charges and PSC on 2006 PSC customers

5 The following conventions generally apply to the DUC spreadsheets:

- 6 • White colored tabs are from the Original Source, with additions and modifications
7 made by the DUC in light turquoise highlight
- 8 • Blue colored tabs are worksheets added by the DUC
- 9 • Green colored tabs are figures added by the DUC

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- 1 Each of the blue tabs in the spreadsheet DUC POD PSC Evidence Rate
- 2 Comparisons.xls contains a macro that recalculates the Percent Increase / (Decrease)
- 3 in column X for each of the scenarios in cells Z1:A18. If these scenarios are altered and
- 4 the button over cell X2 is depressed, the values in cells Z10:A140 will be updated (the
- 5 corresponding figures use the values in these ranges).