

Transition Sort Retool Results

FAQs for Developers

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Q1 What criteria were used to determine if my project is eligible for the Expedited Process?

A1 In order to determine Expedited Process vs. Transition Cycle #1 classification, projects that met the transition eligibility requirements from Tariff Part VII, Subpart B, section 303 were studied on the base case model that was used for the original System Impact Study analysis. Both a summer peak and light load flow analysis were performed. Projects that have cost allocation eligibility or are identified as the first to cause a system violation, as determined according to the Tariff, Part VI, section 217.3, which requires the need for a Network Upgrade with a total estimated cost greater than \$5 million will be reprioritized to Transition Cycle #1. All other projects will be eligible for the expedited procedures set forth in Tariff Part VII, Subpart B, section 304 (B). The cost of the Interconnection Facilities is not considered when determining a project's eligibility for the Expedited Process. Affected Systems upgrade costs are also not considered in the evaluation.

Q2 My project shows violations and/or upgrades greater than \$5 million. Why has it been categorized as Expedited Process?

A2 Your project contributes to overloaded facilities, but your project does not have cost allocation eligibility based on the transition sort retool study case used to evaluate your project.

Q3 My project does not show any violations or upgrades greater than \$5 million. Why has it been categorized as Transition Cycle #1?

A3 If your project is an uprate and its base project or earlier queued uprate has been categorized as Transition Cycle #1, then your uprate project will also be categorized as Transition Cycle #1.

Q4 Does this transition sort retool report show all of the reinforcements in excess of \$5 million that my project contributed to?

A4 For projects that were determined to not meet Expedited Process eligibility and are being reprioritized to Transition Cycle #1, not all reinforcements in excess of \$5 million may be shown in the transition sort retool report. The report may only display a subset of those reinforcements determined to be in excess of \$5 million, which would classify the project as not meeting Expedited Process eligibility. The transition sort retool report is not a formal System Impact Study.

Q5 There is a withdrawn project contributing to an overloaded facility that my project also contributes to. Why wasn't this withdrawn project removed?

A5 Projects not subject to the Transition (projects that received an ISA/WMPA for execution prior to the transition date) and that were not subject to readiness reviews were not removed from the transition sort models if they withdrew after the Oct. 2, 2023, transition sort model case freeze date. This modeling assumption was presented at the October 2023 IPS. These withdrawn projects will be removed from the future Expedited Process and Transition Cycle #1 study cases.

Q6 Did Transmission Owners update their analysis of lower-voltage facilities for the transition sort retool?

A6 Transmission Owner analysis was not performed as part of the transition sort retool. Transmission Owner analysis will be updated as part of the Expedited Process and Transition Cycle #1 retools. Reinforcements previously identified by Transmission Owners for violations on lower voltage facilities are included in the transition sort retool report.

Q7 How were reinforcement costs determined for the transition sort retool?

A7 Reinforcement costs were obtained from the latest set of System Impact Study reports and updated by Transmission Owners as necessary.

Q8 Where can I find the study cases used for the transition sort retool?

A8 The transition sort retool study cases are available by queue cycle for AE1 through AG1 on PJM.com (<https://www.pjm.com/planning/rtep-development/powerflow-cases>) under New Service Request Files. You will need to establish a PJM account and obtain CEII Request approval to access the cases and files. You can make your CEII Request via this link (<https://go.pjm.com/e/678183/library-request-access.aspx/b8kmb/948318561/h/SKqc9Bxsvqvu5BC059PycFuUOwRKATOAD8uhFtuFVvA>).

Expedited Process

Q9 Is it guaranteed that my project will stay in the Expedited Process? When will I have certainty?

A9 Though your project initially screens to be eligible for the Expedited Process, there are several conditions identified under Tariff Part VII, Subpart B, section 304 (B) that could shift your project into Transition Cycle #1 **until the final GIA is tendered**. These are described further in the "Expedited Process Rules" section of your report.

Q10 Is the transition sort retool result report the final set of results for my project?

A10 The transition sort retool results report is not a formal System Impact Study. After the initial sorting retool, PJM will conduct a refreshed analysis of the projects in the Expedited Process with the Transition Cycle #1 projects lifted from the study case model. After this refreshed analysis, retooled System Impact Study reports can be delivered to the project developers.

Q11 What is the study approach for Expedited Process projects?

A11 Expedited Process projects will be studied under the old serial study process. Additionally, Expedited Process projects will be evaluated under the same generator deliverability methodology used in their prior impact study analysis. Furthermore, Expedited Process projects will be cost allocated under the serial-based cost allocation rules in Manual 14A, Attachment B.

Q12 How quickly will I receive a final agreement?

A12 PJM will begin drafting the final agreement for an Expedited Process project when the refreshed SIS report is completed (including all analysis for load flow, short circuit and stability) and the Transmission Owner completes the Facilities Study. Once the project's Facilities Study report is completed (and no conditions exist that would require the project to shift to Transition Cycle #1), the final agreement will be tendered along with the Facilities Study report.

Q13 How can I check on the status of my project's Facilities Study?

A13 Your assigned PJM project manager will contact the project's main contact when the Facilities Study is complete. At this time, PJM will also request developer inputs to the GIA/WMPA.

Q14 In what order will Expedited Process projects be issued final agreements?

A14 Expedited Process projects will be issued final agreements as Facilities Studies are completed. Projects that require the same Network Upgrade must be issued final agreements in queue order.

Q15 Do I have to post any additional deposits?

A15 No, there are no additional Readiness Deposits for Expedited Process projects. However, full security will be required with the final agreement.

Q16 Are there any additional site control requirements for my project?

A16 No, there are no additional site control requirements for Expedited Process projects.

Q17 When will my Readiness Deposit be refunded?**A17** Readiness Deposits for Expedited Process projects will be refunded after execution of the final agreement.**Q18** Can I make changes to my project (reduction, POI change, equipment change, etc.)?**A18** No, Expedited Process projects are not permitted to make modifications. Any changes will need to be requested after the final agreement is executed and may be evaluated via a necessary study.**Transition Cycle #1****Q19** When will Transition Cycle #1 start?**A19** Transition Cycle #1 will start no later than one year from the Transition Start Date (July 10, 2023). Transition Cycle #1 will run simultaneously with the Expedited Process; however, Transition Cycle #1, Phase III will not begin until all Expedited Process projects have been completed. Currently, the anticipated start date for Transition Cycle #1, Phase I is January 2024.**Q20** What base case will be used to study Transition Cycle #1 projects?**A20** The Transition Cycle #1 queue base case will be built off of the 2027 RTEP base case.**Q21** When should I expect to see the next set of study results for my project?**A21** Project developers with Transition Cycle #1 projects should expect to see Phase I System Impact Study load flow study results around the end of April/early May 2024. PJM will make an announcement prior to the release of the Transition Cycle #1 Phase I study results and the beginning of Decision Point 1.**Q22** What is the study approach for Transition Cycle #1 projects?**A22** Transition Cycle #1 projects will be studied under the cluster study process approved as part of PJM's interconnection process reform. Transition Cycle #1 projects will be evaluated under the same generator deliverability methodology used in their prior impact study analysis. However, Transition Cycle #1 projects will be cost allocated under the cluster-based cost allocation rules in Manual 14H, Attachment B.**Q23** If I am in Transition Cycle #1 and my Phase I study runs clean, can I go into the Expedited Process?**A23** No, projects that do not meet Expedited Process criteria based on the initial transition retool will not be able to move to the Expedited Process.

Q24 Do I have to post any additional deposits?

A24 Readiness Deposit #2 and #3 will be required at Decision Point 1 and 2 respectively. Please review Decision Point requirements in the PJM Tariff Part VII, Subpart D, Section 309.

Q25 Are there any additional site control requirements for my project?

A25 Additional site control requirements apply at Decision Point 1 and 3. Please review Decision Point requirements in the PJM Tariff Part VII, Subpart D, Section 309.

Q26 Can I make changes to my project (reduction, POI change, equipment change, etc.)?

A26 Modifications within a certain criteria are permitted at Decision Point 1 and 2. Please review Decision Point requirements in the PJM Tariff Part VII, Subpart D, Section 309.