

Extended on March 25, 2026, from April 30, 2026, to August 6, 2026.



AESO CLUSTER 3 - SASR Submission Timelines

Date – March 2026 – Updated March 25 to align with AESO Deadline Extension

AESO (Alberta Electric System Operator) Cluster 3 – SASR (System Access Service Request) Submission Timeline Bulletin 2026

This bulletin is relevant for Distributed Energy Resources (DER) customers that require AESO oversight in the cluster 3 process.

Key Deadlines:

Milestone	Responsible Party	Deadline	Notes
DER customers to submit SASR supporting documents ¹ to FortisAlberta	DER customer	July 23, 2026	Allows FortisAlberta time for completeness review and compilation for SASR application
FortisAlberta prepares Application	FortisAlberta	July 23-August 5, 2026	Final validation before AESO Submission
AESO SASR submission deadline (Cluster 3)	FortisAlberta	August 6, 2026	AESO intake window closes

Required Documents¹:

- **PDUP Validation:** Stage 0 PDUP Checklist – Submit checklist confirming all modelling data and files are included. [Stage 0 PDUP Checklist](#)
- **PDUP Information:** PDUP Preparation Information – Provide the name and company of the engineer(s) who prepared all the required documents and completed the above checklist. PDF with engineering authentication (stamp) consisting of all the files - Before and After Project SLDs, PSS/E Input Data files, Dynamic Performance Results (from AESO MPTB). [Project Data Update Package Submissions](#)
- **Project Data:** Stage 0 PDUP (Project Data Update Package) – Technical model information with the SASR application required to initiate cluster studies. AESO website for Engineering files requirement [Stage 0 PDUP Supplement](#)
- **Technical Diagrams:** Conceptual Facility Single Line Diagram (SLD) – Diagram showing details of all switching devices within facility. The package also requires Before and After SLDs.
- **Land Confirmation Acknowledgement:** 90% Site Control requirement for SASR application – FortisAlberta requires a letter confirming ownership, a lease, or an option to purchase or lease is in place for at least 90% of the site.

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Upcoming Fees:

Fees Description	Deadline
Preliminary AESO Assessment Fee	July 30, 2026
AESO Cluster Coordination Fee	July 30, 2026
Stage 1 & 2: AltaLink Support – Cluster Assessment	July 30, 2026

Payment delays and incomplete or inaccurate documents will jeopardize the project's ability to meet the SASR submission deadline for Cluster 3. Projects that do not meet the requirements as outlined will be deemed ineligible for inclusion in Cluster 3 and will be deferred to a future AESO cluster study.