

August 19, 2011

Dear Market Participants and Interested Parties:

Re: AESO Reply to Stakeholder Comments received June 24, 2011 on the Competitive Process Recommendation Paper

On June 1, 2011, the AESO issued a Recommendation Paper on the Competitive Process for Critical Transmission Infrastructure (Paper). In the accompanying letter, the AESO noted that it would respond to stakeholder comments received on the Paper in its application to the Alberta Utilities Commission.

Given the stakeholder comments received, the AESO has chosen to respond earlier than originally planned in the interest of continuing to advance the development of the Competitive Process.

Attachment 1 to this letter contains a Theme-based Response to Stakeholder Comments on the Paper. Attachment 2 contains the AESO's response to stakeholder comments utilizing the AESO Stakeholder Comment Matrix with references back to the theme-based responses. Attachment 3 contains the AESO's Comments on Duty to Consult.

As indicated in the Paper, the AESO will file its Competitive Process with the Alberta Utilities Commission in September 2011.

The AESO wishes to thank stakeholders for their active participation in the development of the Competitive Process.

Sincerely,

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Attachments to this Letter:

- (1) [Theme-based Response to Stakeholder comments](#)
- (2) [Stakeholder Comment/AESO Replies Matrix](#)
- (3) [AESO Comments on Duty to Consult](#)