



November 29, 2006

*Sent via e-mail*

Stakeholders  
AESO 2007 GTA

Dear Stakeholder:

**Re: Cancellation of Meeting for Further Discussions to Limit, Reduce, or Settle AESO 2007 GTA Issues**

On November 20, 2006, the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) distributed to stakeholders a letter to initiate further discussions on ways to streamline, manage, and improve the efficiency of the AESO 2007 General Tariff Application (GTA) process. We proposed a meeting on December 1 and, in order to focus discussion at that meeting, provided an issues list which included the AESO's assessment of the likelihood of reaching agreement on each issue in the GTA. In the letter, we also requested stakeholders provide comments on the approach proposed for this review of GTA issues.

However, three parties have declined to participate in the December 1 meeting, and a fourth proposed to attend the meeting as an observer only. These parties generally commented that considerable time and effort had already been spent in consultation on the 2007 GTA, and they were not willing to dedicate further resources in discussions while preparing for the GTA and during involvement in other regulatory proceedings. They therefore suggested that the appropriate next step is to begin the formal regulatory process before the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (EUB).

The December 1 meeting was to discuss how the EUB process for the 2007 GTA may be made more effective going forward, including consideration of whether consensus support may potentially be achieved on some issues. We consider that the absence of active participation by four parties effectively prevents any meaningful progress in this regard, and therefore we will not proceed with the meeting.

We apologize for any inconvenience to those parties who had indicated they would participate in these discussions. The AESO continues to be open to suggestions from stakeholders of ways to improve the efficiency of the regulatory process for its 2007 GTA.

If you have any comments on this decision to cancel the December 1 meeting or on the AESO's 2007 GTA in general, please contact me at (403) 539-2751 or by e-mail to heidi.kirrmaier@aeso.ca or John Martin at (403) 539-2465 or by e-mail to john.martin@aeso.ca.

Sincerely,

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