AESO INFORMATION REQUESTS TO ATCO ELECTRIC

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Preamble: In Article 1.1 of the AESO’s current tariff, “standard facilities” is defined to mean “the least-cost interconnection facilities which meet good transmission practice including applicable reliability, protection, and operating criteria and standards.”

Reference: Direct Evidence of ATCO Electric Ltd. – Page 3, Lines 8-11

“ATCO Electric has encountered projects where the project scope used by AESO in determining the commercial treatment, i.e. the determination of ‘standard facilities’, frustrates proper planning efforts.”

Request:

Does ATCO Electric agree that “standard facilities” are determined prior to, and are not affected by, the application of the AESO’s contribution policy (that is, the “commercial treatment” referred to by ATCO Electric)? Please fully explain your response.