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Mr. Warren Frost, Vice President, Operations and Reliability  
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Dear Warren:

**RE: Stakeholder Feedback - AESO Recommendation Paper: Implementation of Market and Operational Framework for Wind Integration In Alberta**

One market consideration that Wind Power Inc. (WPI) wishes to bring to the table for discussion is that of a Minimum Pool price. This matter will undoubtedly require more discussion and may be assessed further, possibly by a joint CanWEA/AESO Working Group but it is important I think to broach the subject now. In simple terms the idea would be as follows:

In order to add a degree more of certainty to the market (Pool Price), a minimum price level should be established. The market now operates with, and consumers are protected by, a maximum Pool price of \$1,000/MWh (\$999.99). If it is necessary for future generating facility curtailments to take place, such curtailments should be applied to all facilities equally on a pro-rata basis. It is unreasonable for any facility to be curtailed and operate for a \$0 offer; accordingly a minimum price for curtailing production should be implemented. Such minimum price might be ascertained by considering the cost of provincial base load generation. These costs, in the range of \$45 - \$50 per MWh, would allow some financial return to generators and consumers would be assured that they are paying minimum cost for electricity.

Many ideas will surely abound on this subject and Wind Power Inc. looks forward to a reasonable and practical resolution to any necessary future facility curtailments if they arise.

Regards,  
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