July 30, 2009

Alberta Utilities Commission
Utilities Division, Calgary Office
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Attention: Jay Halls, Application Officer

Dear Jay:

Re: AESO Reply Argument on AESO 2008 Deferral Account Reconciliation Application Application No. 1604964 and Proceeding ID 186

The Alberta Electric System Operator (“AESO”) provides the following reply argument on the above-noted application (“Application”), in accordance with the schedule set out in the July 16, 2009 letter of the Alberta Utilities Commission (“AUC”).

Only one party other than the AESO filed argument on the Application. In its argument, TransAlta Corporation supported approval of the Application and submitted that the AUC make final the interim settlement of deferral account balances approved in Decision 2009-074.

The AESO notes that no party has raised in argument any objection to the approval of the Application. The AESO accordingly restates its submissions in argument that the Application should be approved as filed, and that the relief requested in section 1.4 (pages 10-11) of the Application should be granted in full. In addition, the settlement of the deferral account balances approved on an interim basis in Decision 2009-074 should be confirmed as final.

If you need any additional information related to this reply argument, please contact me at 403-539-2465 in Calgary or by email to john.martin@aeso.ca.

Yours truly,

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