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Participants in AESO 2010 Tariff Consultation
Members of AESO 2010 Tariff Consultation Working Groups
AESO Stakeholders

Dear AESO Stakeholder:

Re: AESO 2010 Tariff Application Filing Delayed to November 2009

The AESO has reviewed the work remaining to satisfactorily prepare its 2010 tariff application and has concluded the filing of the application should be delayed by two months, to the end of November 2009.

Throughout the consultation on the 2010 tariff, the AESO had planned to file the application in the third quarter of 2009. Earlier this summer, the filing date had been set as the end of September 2009.

However, the development of the tariff application, including examination of issues in several working groups, has expanded beyond those matters originally expected to be addressed in the application. In particular, the POD cost function update, operations and maintenance charge study, DTS operating reserve charge restructuring, and setting of maximum investment levels have all entailed changes beyond those expected when tariff consultation began.

The extension would also allow revisions to the current interconnection process to be more fully developed and reflected in the tariff. As well, additional export and import rates require further investigation before inclusion in the tariff application.

Finally, the AESO considers that time for further consultation would allow finalization of some outstanding matters being discussed in the tariff working groups. The extension would also allow final consultation with stakeholders in general on the changes being proposed in the tariff applications.

After considering all these factors, the AESO has decided to delay the filing its 2010 tariff application to the end of November 2009. The delay will allow the application to be more thorough and comprehensive, will allow additional consultation, and will accordingly aid a more efficient regulatory review.

All information related to the 2010 tariff consultation is available on the AESO's website at www.aeso.ca by following the path Tariff ► Current Consultations ► 2010 Tariff. The AESO appreciates stakeholders' participation in this consultation.

If you have any comments or questions on the delay in the AESO's tariff application, please contact me at 403-539-2465 or john.martin@aeso.ca, or Raj Sharma at 403-539-2632 or raj.sharma@aeso.ca.

Sincerely,

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