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Alberta Utilities Commission
Utilities Division, Calgary Office
Fifth Avenue Place
400, 425 – 1st Street SW
Calgary, Alberta
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Dear sir or madam:

Re: AESO 2010 Balancing Pool Consumer Allocation Rider F Application

- 1 On November 17, 2009 the Balancing Pool notified the Alberta Electric System Operator (“AESO”) of an estimated annualized positive amount of \$227.0 million to be reflected in the AESO’s rates under sections 30 and 82 of the *Electric Utilities Act* (“Act”). The annualized amount is similar in nature to that which is currently being refunded to AESO customers through the Balancing Pool Consumer Allocation Rider F under the AESO’s tariff.
- 2 The Balancing Pool has requested that the amount be paid to AESO customers as a \$4.00/MWh credit during 2010. A copy of the Balancing Pool’s letter providing the notice is attached. The Balancing Pool’s notice complies with the requirements of section 82(4) of the Act.
- 3 Rider F was first approved as a \$1.00/MWh credit by the predecessor of the Alberta Utilities Commission (“Commission”), the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (“Board”), in Order U2005-464 for 2006 consumption. Rider F was revised in subsequent years to a \$3.00/MWh credit in Board Order U2006-332 for 2007 consumption, to a \$5.00/MWh credit in Board Order U2007-309 for 2008 consumption, and to a \$6.50/MWh credit in Commission Order U2008-356 for 2009 consumption. No objections were received in any of the AESO’s previous Rider F applications.
- 4 The AESO accepts the Balancing Pool’s recommendation that the annualized amount continue to be refunded to AESO customers as a \$/MWh amount, set at \$4.00/MWh credit effective from January 1 to December 31, 2010. The AESO further proposes that other aspects of the 2010 Rider F, including applicability criteria, continue unchanged from the 2009 Rider F which is currently in effect. The AESO notes that the City of Medicine Hat and BC Hydro at Fort Nelson are ineligible for Rider F according to Board Order U2006-307.
- 5 The AESO therefore requests approval by the Commission pursuant to subsection 82(6) of the Act, for a Balancing Pool Consumer Allocation Rider F to provide a \$4.00/MWh credit to all

Demand Transmission Service (DTS) and Demand Opportunity Service (DOS) customers, with the exceptions of the City of Medicine Hat and BC Hydro at Fort Nelson, for consumption from January 1 through December 31, 2010, inclusive. A proposed Rider F schedule is attached.

- 6 As this application is a simple revision to the level of Rider F and complies with relevant legislation, the AESO requests that the Commission deal with this application through an expedited process.
- 7 Please direct all correspondence relating to this application to:

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- 8 If you have any questions on this application or need additional information, please contact me at 403-539-2465 or by e-mail to john.martin@aeso.ca.

Yours truly,

[original signed by]

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attachments

cc: Heidi Kirmaier, Vice-President, Regulatory, AESO
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Purpose: To collect from or refund to AESO Customers an annualized amount estimated by the Balancing Pool and transferred to the AESO under section 82 of the *Electric Utilities Act*.

Applicable to: Customers receiving service under the following Rate Schedules:

- DTS, with the exception of the City of Medicine Hat
- DOS, with the exceptions of the City of Medicine Hat and BC Hydro at Fort Nelson

Effective: The rider is effective for all billing periods from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010.

Rate: A credit of **\$4.00/MWh** of Metered Energy during the Billing Period.

Terms: The Terms and Conditions form part of this Rate Schedule.