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1 INTRODUCTION

1. On November 19, 2009, the Alberta Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application (Application) from the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) for approval, pursuant to subsection 82(6) of the *Electric Utilities Act* S.A. 2003, c. E-5.1 (*Electric Utilities 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.

2. Notice of the Application (Notice) was issued to all participants in the AESO's General Tariff Application process on November 20, 2009. No Statements of Intention to Participate were received by the November 27, 2009 deadline set out in the Notice.

2 BACKGROUND

3. AESO indicated in the Application that on November 17, 2009, it received notification from the Balancing Pool of an estimated annualized positive amount of \$227.0 million to be incorporated into the AESO's rates, pursuant to sections 30 and 82 of the *Electric Utilities Act*. AESO submitted that the Balancing Pool's Notice complied with the requirements of subsection 82(4) of the *Electric Utilities Act*.

4. AESO stated that the Balancing Pool requested that the amount be paid to AESO customers as a \$4.00/MWh credit during 2010. AESO noted that Rider F was first approved as a \$1.00/MWh credit for 2006 by the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (Board) through Board Order [U2005-464](#).¹ Rider F was revised in subsequent years to a \$3.00/MWh credit for 2007 consumption in Board Order [U2006-332](#),² to a \$5.00/MWh credit in respect of 2008 consumption through Board Order [U2007-309](#),³ and to a \$6.50/MWh credit for 2009 consumption through Commission Order [U2008-356](#).⁴ AESO noted that no objection been filed in respect of any of its previous Rider F applications.

5. AESO indicated that it accepted the Balancing Pool's recommendation that the annualized amount should continue to be provided to AESO customers as a \$/MWh amount, set

¹ Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO), 2nd Refiling of 2005/2006 GTA (Application No. 1434708) (Released: December 20, 2005).

² Order U2006-332 – Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO), AESO 2007 Rider F (Application No. 1484951) (Released: December 19, 2006).

³ Order U2007-309 – Alberta Electric System Operator, 2008 Rider F (Application No. 1530909) (Released: November 16, 2007).

⁴ Order U2008-356 – Alberta Electric System Operator, 2009 Rider F (Application No. 1592737, Proceeding ID. 118) (Released: November 24, 2008).

at \$4.00/MWh credit effective from January 1 to December 31, 2010. In addition, AESO proposed that other aspects of the 2010 Rider F, including applicability criteria, would continue unchanged from the 2009 Rider F currently in effect. AESO noted that in accordance with Board Order [U2006-307](#),⁵ the City of Medicine Hat and BC Hydro at Fort Nelson are ineligible for Rider F.

6. As the Application reflects a simple revision to the level of Rider F and complies with relevant legislation, AESO requested that the Commission process the Application on an expedited basis.

3 COMMISSION FINDINGS

7. The Commission notes that, pursuant to the *Electric Utilities Act*, the Balancing Pool may make distributions from its revenues which are allocated to eligible consumers. These distributions are made through the AESO tariff pursuant to subsection 82(6)(b) of the *Electric Utilities Act*, through Rider F. The period for which this Application was made, from January 1 to December 31, 2010, would be the fifth year that such a distribution has been made to consumers.

8. Having received no objections, the Commission has considered the Application without further notice or process as indicated in the Notice. Noting that Rider F essentially provides a mechanism whereby AESO may pass on refunds or collections from the Balancing Pool, the Commission has reviewed the Application and considers that the request for a Balancing Pool Refund Rider F to provide a \$4.00/MWh credit to all DTS and DOS customers, with the exception of the City of Medicine Hat and BC Hydro at Fort Nelson, for consumption from January 1 through December 31, 2010 inclusive, is reasonable and in the public interest and is therefore approved as filed pursuant to subsection 82(6) of the *Electric Utilities Act*.

4 ORDER

9. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the applied for Rider F rate, as included in [Appendix 2](#) of this Decision, is approved, effective from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010.

Dated in Calgary, Alberta on December 1, 2009.

ALBERTA UTILITIES COMMISSION

(original signed by)

Carolyn Dahl Rees
Vice-Chair

⁵ Order U2006-307 – Alberta Electric System Operator, Amendments to AESO 2006 Rider F and Rate FDS (Application No. 1482458) (Released: December 14, 2006).

APPENDIX 1 – PROCEEDING PARTICIPANTS

Name of Organization (Abbreviation) Counsel or Representative (APPLICANTS)
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APPENDIX 2 – ALBERTA ELECTRIC SYSTEM OPERATOR RIDER F

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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.