



June 25, 2010

Dear Market Participants and Interested Parties:

Re: Letter of Notice – Proposed Amendments to the Interpretation Section of Alberta Reliability Standards

Section 19 of the *Transmission Regulation* requires the AESO to consult with market participants likely to be directly affected by the AESO's adoption or making of reliability standards, and also requires the AESO to forward the proposed reliability standard to the Alberta Utilities Commission ("AUC" or "Commission") for review along with the AESO's recommendation that the AUC approve or reject them.

Accordingly, the Alberta Electric System Operator ("AESO") is providing notice and seeking feedback from market participants on the attached proposed amendments to the Interpretation section of the Alberta Reliability Standards ("Interpretation Section Changes").

Following the AESO's receipt of and reply to feedback from market participants regarding the Interpretation Section Changes, the AESO intends to finalize the Interpretation Section Changes and forward them to the AUC for review and approval as Alberta Reliability Standards that apply in Alberta.

The Interpretation Section Changes are administrative in nature and would be of interest to all market participants referencing the Alberta Reliability Standards.

Summary of the Interpretation Section for the Alberta Reliability Standard

The purpose of the Interpretation section is to provide general interpretation information applicable to the Alberta Reliability Standards.

AESO Papers and Other Related Communications

The AESO has not issued any AESO papers or other related communications with respect to the Interpretation Section Changes.

Transition of Authoritative Documents ("TOAD") Reform

The Interpretation Section Changes are the result of a specific Transition of Authoritative Documents project ("TOAD"). Under TOAD, the AESO is endeavoring to achieve consistency across its three authoritative document domains, the ISO rules, the ISO tariff and the Alberta Reliability Standards. The proposed amendments to the Interpretation section will enable a consistent approach for identifying defined terms across the AESO's authoritative documents and, accurately reference the AESO's recently implemented Consolidated Authoritative Documents Glossary.

Additional information on the TOAD project can be found on the AESO website at www.aeso.ca



Summary of the Interpretation Section Changes

1. Formatting of Defined Terms

Currently, defined terms are italicized in the Alberta Reliability Standards, whereas defined terms are bolded in the ISO rules and proposed 2010 ISO tariff.

Section 2(b) of the existing Interpretation section of the Alberta Reliability Standards states that defined terms are italicized. In order to align the formatting of defined terms across the Alberta Reliability Standards, ISO rules and the proposed 2010 ISO tariff, this section and section 2(h) have been amended to indicate that defined terms may also be in bold type. The AESO's intent is to use bold type to identify all defined terms in Alberta Reliability Standards on a go forward basis and leave the existing adopted Alberta Reliability Standards unchanged until the Alberta Reliability Standards implementation project is completed by the end of 2010. As a result, the Interpretation section will need to indicate that defined terms are either italicized or bolded for a period of time.

For clarity, all defined terms in future Alberta Reliability Standards filed with the AUC after the date the Interpretation Section Changes are approved will be represented in bold type.

Upon completion of the Alberta Reliability Standards implementation project, the AESO will identify the approved Alberta Reliability Standards where defined terms remain italicized and propose amendments to those Alberta Reliability Standards to change the defined terms from italics to bold type. The AESO will concurrently propose a further amendment to the then current Interpretation section to eliminate the statement that defined terms are italicized.

2. Updated Reference to the Consolidated Authoritative Documents Glossary

Section 2(h) of the existing Interpretation section indicates that "words and phrases in italics (excluding document titles) have the meanings given to them in the definitions found in the Part 1 of the **ISO rules** and the **reliability standards Glossary of Terms**". This reference is inaccurate and has been updated to make reference to the "Consolidated Authoritative Documents Glossary".

Request for Stakeholder Comments

Comments and suggestions on the Interpretation Section Changes are encouraged. Please use the attached comment matrix provided when submitting comments to the AESO on the Interpretation Section Changes. The AESO's rationale for the amendments has been provided within the comment matrix. Only written comments will be considered in finalizing the Interpretation Section Changes.

Please provide feedback or questions by **July 13, 2010** to Evelyn Kelly, (403) 539-2468, evelyn.kelly@aeso.ca,



The AESO will be publishing all stakeholder comments received for industry review shortly after the comment deadline. Stakeholder comments received along with AESO replies will be published with the final proposed Interpretation Section Changes being recommended for internal AESO approval in July, 2010.

Attachments to Letter of Notice

The following documents are attached to this Letter of Notice:

- a) [Blacklined](#) and [clean](#) copies of the Interpretation Section Changes;
- b) [Copy](#) of the comment-rationale matrix for the Interpretation Section Changes.

Proposed Effective Date

The Interpretation Section Changes are proposed to become effective ten (10) calendar days after the date of approval by the Commission.

Yours sincerely,

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Attachments