

August 11, 2011

Dear Market Participants and Interested Parties:

**RE: AESO Reply to Stakeholder Comments on Consultation for Proposed Alberta Reliability Standard: Facilities Design, Connections and Maintenance “System Operating Limits Methodology for the Planning Horizon” FAC-010-AB-2.1 (“FAC-010-AB-2.1”)**

Section 19 of the *Transmission Regulation* requires the Alberta Electric System Operator (“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 proposed reliability standards to the Alberta Utilities Commission (“Commission”) for review along with the AESO’s recommendation that the Commission approve or reject them.

Accordingly, the AESO issued a [Letter of Notice](#) on April 28, 2011 providing notice and seeking comments from market participants on proposed FAC-010-AB-2.1.

In addition, the final proposed FAC-010-AB-2.1 (“Final Proposed FAC-010-AB-2.1”) is attached.

### **Summary of proposed FAC-010-AB-2.1**

Please see the AESO’s April 28, 2011 Letter of Notice for a summary of proposed FAC-010-AB-2.1.

### **AESO Reply to Market Participant Comments**

The AESO received comments from AltaLink in support of proposed FAC-010-AB-2.1. In the AESO’s opinion, comments of this nature do not warrant the provision of a specific reply. The AESO appreciates all comments provided by market participants regarding Final Proposed FAC-010-AB-2.1 proposed for adoption in Alberta. No changes were made as a result of these stakeholder comments.

### **Forwarding Final Proposed FAC-010-AB-2.1 to the Commission**

Pursuant to Section 19 of the *Transmission Regulation*, the AESO intends to forward Final Proposed FAC-010-AB-2.1 to the Commission on September 12, 2011, with the AESO’s recommendation that the Commission approve Final Proposed FAC-010-AB-2.1 as an Alberta Reliability Standard.

Final Proposed FAC-010-AB-2.1 is proposed to be effective on July 1, 2012.

**Attachments to AESO Reply**

1. [Clean](#) copy of Final Proposed FAC-010-AB-2.1.

Yours sincerely,

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Attachments