

September 28, 2011

Dear Market Participants and Interested Parties:

RE: AESO Reply to Stakeholder Comments on Protection and Control (“PRC”) Reliability Standard Proposed for Adoption as Alberta Reliability Standard:
a) PRC-023-AB-1 *Transmission Relay Loadability*
b) New Definition for Incorporation into AESO Consolidated Authoritative Documents Glossary.
(collectively “Proposed Reliability Standard”)

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.

The AESO’s reply is set out in the attached AESO Replies Document, and a summary of the stakeholder comments received and the AESO’s reply to these comments is included below.

Background

On July 15, 2010, the AESO issued a [Letter of Notice](#) and commenced consultation on proposed PRC-023-AB-1 and requested stakeholder comments on the same.

The AESO received and considered stakeholder comments in response to its July 15, 2010 Letter of Notice, made further amendments to proposed PRC-023-AB-1 as a result of all written comments received, and is of the view that the additional amendments now warrant re-consultation. On September 28, 2011, the AESO commenced a second consultation on amendments to proposed PRC-023-AB-1 (“PRC-023-AB-1 Draft 2.1”).

The AESO confirms that only one stakeholder comment was received, and was in support of the proposed new definition “planning coordinator” for use in proposed PRC-023-AB-1.

AESO Reply to Stakeholder Comments

The written comments received by the AESO in response to proposed PRC-023-AB-1 attached to its July 15, 2010 Letter of Notice and the AESO’s replies to these comments are summarized below:

1. Stakeholder comments were received regarding the list of critical 100-200kV facilities and how this list will be managed. In response to this comment, the AESO replied that it confirmed that this list will be managed external to proposed PRC-023-AB-1, and that the AESO will publish a link to the list referred to in Alberta requirement R3.2 of propose PRC-023-AB-1 Draft 2.1 on its website when such list is developed in the future. The procedures for amending the list referred to in Alberta requirement R3.2 will also be included in such list at that time;

2. Stakeholder comments were received regarding the use of “legal owner’ of a ‘transmission facility’”. In response to these comments, the AESO replied that it had consulted on defined terms and phrasing as part of the AESO’s Transition of Authoritative Document (“TOAD”) project, and has revised it’s functional model accordingly;
3. Stakeholders questioned and were concerned with the proposed effective date. In response to this comment, the AESO replied that it had proposed staggered effective dates for proposed PRC-023-AB-1 Draft 2.1 to allow sufficient time for market participants to prepare for and implement proposed PRC-023-AB-1 Draft 2.1.
4. Stakeholders identified that R1.4 should have stated “150% of applicable maximum nameplate rating” not 115%. In response to these comments, the AESO replied that this typographical correction has been made to proposed PRC-023-AB-1 Draft 2.1.

Attachments to AESO Reply

1. [AESO Replies](#) to the July 15, 2010 proposed PRC-023-AB-1, including stakeholder comments.

Yours sincerely,

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Attachments