

November 22, 2011

**To: Alberta Utilities Commission (“AUC” or “Commission”)**

**Re: Notice of Filing – Final Proposed Alberta Reliability Standard:  
Resource and Demand Balancing *Automatic Time Error Correction* BAL-004-WECC-AB-1  
 (“Final Proposed BAL-004-WECC-AB-1”)**

1. The Alberta Electric System Operator (“AESO”) is forwarding and recommending that the Commission approve attached Final Proposed BAL-004-WECC-AB-1 for application as an Alberta Reliability Standard pursuant to Section 19 of the *Transmission Regulation*.
2. All reliability standards proposed for approval or rejection by the AESO are based on the reliability standards and definitions developed, or approved, and enforced by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (“NERC”). NERC was certified as the Electric Reliability Organization (“ERO”) for the United States by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”) under the US *Energy Policy Act of 2005*. NERC has been granted recognition as the ERO by the Minister of Energy in Alberta pursuant to Section 20 of the *Transmission Regulation*.
3. In accordance with Section 19 of the *Transmission Regulation*, the reliability standards that apply in Alberta are those of the ERO or any other reliability standards to the extent that such reliability standards are adopted by the AESO after consultation with market participants and after receipt of Commission approval.

#### **Applicability**

4. Final Proposed BAL-004-WECC-AB-1 is applicable to the AESO.

#### **Summary of Final Proposed BAL-004-WECC-AB-1**

5. The purpose of Final Proposed BAL-004-WECC-AB-1 is to maintain interconnection frequency within a predefined frequency profile under all conditions and to ensure that automatic time error corrections are effectively conducted in a manner that does not adversely affect the reliability of the western interconnection.

#### **Summary of AESO Consultation**

6. On September 8, 2011, the AESO posted on its website and into its stakeholder newsletter a [Stakeholder Consultation Letter](#) requesting comments from interested parties and market participants that the AESO considered likely to be directly affected by the proposed adoption of BAL-004-WECC-AB-1.
7. The AESO confirms that no written comments were received from stakeholders on proposed BAL-004-WECC-AB-1.

#### **Changes to Final Proposed BAL-004-WECC-AB-1**

8. Please see the AESO’s September 8, 2011 Stakeholder Consultation Letter for a summary of proposed BAL-004-WECC-AB-1

### Attachments to Notice of Filing

9. The following documents are attached to this Notice of Filing:
  - a) [Stakeholder Consultation Letter](#) dated September 8, 2011, forwarded to interested parties and market participants that the AESO considers likely to be directly affected by the proposed adoption of BAL-004-WECC-AB-1, and which was posted on the AESO website on September 8, 2011; and
  - b) [Clean](#) copy of Final Proposed BAL-004-WECC-AB-1.

### Proposed Effective Date

10. The AESO proposes that Final Proposed BAL-004-WECC-AB-1 comes into effect on October 1, 2012.
11. The AESO submits that Final Proposed BAL-004-WECC-AB-1 complies with the requirements of the *Transmission Regulation*, is not technically deficient, and is in the public interest.

Yours sincerely,

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Attachments