

November 24, 2011

Dear Market Participants and Interested Parties:

**RE: AESO Reply to Stakeholder Comments on Consultation for Proposed Alberta Reliability Standard:
Interconnection Reliability Operations and Coordination *Reliability Coordination Responsibilities and Authorities* IRO-001-AB-1
("IRO-001-AB-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 August 17, 2010 providing notice and seeking comments from market participants on proposed IRO-001-AB-1.

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.

In addition, the final proposed IRO-001-AB-1 (the "Final Proposed IRO-001-AB-1") is attached.

Summary of proposed IRO-001-AB-1

Please see the AESO's August 17, 2010 Letter of Notice for a summary of proposed IRO-001-AB-1.

AESO Reply to Market Participant Comments

The AESO received comments from ENMAX Power Corporation in support of proposed IRO-001-AB-1. The AESO appreciates all comments provided by market participants regarding Final Proposed IRO-001-AB-1 proposed for adoption in Alberta.

No changes were made as a result of these stakeholder comments.

Additional Changes to the Final Proposed IRO-001-AB-1

The following summarizes additional amendments made to Final Proposed IRO-001-AB-1 as a result of AESO Review:

1. The effective date was changed from "90 days after the date the Commission approves it" to "October 1, 2012" in accordance with reasonable timelines provided for implementation of reliability standards;
2. Added the phrase, "in accordance with the parties' contractual obligations" to Alberta requirement R1 to recognize the contractual obligations between the AESO and the WECC Reliability Coordinator as it applies to the issuance of directives by the WECC Reliability Coordinator and the AESO's compliance with such directives;

3. Amended Alberta requirement R2 from “the ISO has determined it cannot comply” to “if the ISO refuses to comply” in the ISO’s response to a directive issued by the Reliability Coordinator. This amendment was made to align with the typical wording used in the *Electric Utilities Act*;
4. Reworded references to “Reliability Coordinator directive” to “a directive issued by the WECC Reliability Coordinator” in order to avoid the need for a new defined term; and
5. Measures were amended to be consistent with the style used for drafting Alberta reliability standards.

Forwarding Final Proposed IRO-001-AB-1 to the Commission

Pursuant to Section 19 of the *Transmission Regulation*, the AESO intends to forward Final Proposed IRO-001-AB-1 to the Commission on December 7, 2011, with the AESO’s recommendation that the Commission approve Final Proposed IRO-001-AB-1 as an Alberta Reliability Standard.

Final Proposed IRO-001-AB-1 is proposed to be effective on October 1, 2012.

Attachments to AESO Reply

1. [AESO Replies](#) to the August 17, 2010 Stakeholder Consultation Letter, including stakeholder comments and blacklined version of Final Proposed IRO-001-AB-1; and
2. [Clean](#) copy of Final Proposed IRO-001-AB-1.

Yours sincerely,

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