

November 25, 2011

Dear Market Participants and Interested Parties:

RE: AESO Reply to Stakeholder Comments on Proposed New Protection and Control (“PRC”) Reliability Standard Definition (“New PRC Reliability Standard Definition”)

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 [Stakeholder Consultation Letter](#) on September 27, 2011 providing notice and seeking comments from market participants on the proposed New PRC Reliability Standard Definition.

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 New PRC Reliability Standard Definition (“Final Proposed New PRC Reliability Standard Definition”) is attached.

Summary of proposed New PRC Reliability Standard Definition

Please see the AESO’s September 27, 2011 Letter of Notice for a summary of the proposed New PRC Reliability Standard Definition.

AESO Reply to Stakeholder Comments

The written comments received by the AESO in response to the proposed New PRC Reliability Standard Definition attached to its September 27, 2011 Letter of Notice and the AESO’s replies to these comments are summarized below:

Stakeholders had comments primarily related to clarity regarding which types of equipment would qualify as “disturbance monitoring equipment” and how the AESO would communicate related information. The AESO has made minor changes to the Final Proposed New PRC Reliability Standard Definition as a result of these stakeholder comments.

Additional Changes to the Final Proposed New PRC Reliability Standard Definition

The following summarizes additional amendments made to the Final Proposed New PRC Reliability Standard Definition as a result of AESO Review:

1. The AESO moved the examples of “disturbance monitoring equipment” into the sub-bullets of the definition to improve clarity.

Forwarding Final Proposed New PRC Reliability Standard Definition to the Commission

Pursuant to Section 19 of the *Transmission Regulation*, the AESO intends to forward the Final Proposed New PRC Reliability Standard Definition to the Commission on December 12, 2011, with the AESO's recommendation that the Commission approve the Final Proposed New Reliability Standard Definition as definitions that apply to reliability standards that apply in Alberta.

The Final Proposed Reliability Standards Definition is proposed to become effective concurrently with the proposed effective date of proposed Alberta reliability standard PRC-018-AB-1 *Disturbance and Monitoring Equipment Installation and Data Reporting*.

Attachments to AESO Reply

1. [AESO Replies](#) to the September 27, 2011 Letter of Notice, including stakeholder comments; and
2. [Blacklined](#) and [clean](#) copy of the Final Proposed New PRC Reliability Standard Definition.

Yours sincerely,

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