

February 7, 2012

Dear Market Participants and Interested Parties:

Re: Letter of Notice – Consultation on Proposed Removal of Existing Confidential ISO OPP 1303 System Coordination Centre Operations Callout Procedure (“Confidential ISO OPP 1303 Removal”)

Pursuant to Section 2(1) of the Alberta Utilities Commission (“AUC” or “Commission”) Rule 017, the Alberta Electric System Operator (“AESO”) is providing notice and seeking feedback from market participants on the attached proposed Confidential ISO OPP 1303 Removal.

Applicability

The proposed Confidential ISO OPP 1303 Removal applies to the AESO.

Summary of Existing Confidential ISO OPP 1303

Existing Confidential ISO OPP 1303 contains a set of general procedures for AESO system controllers with regard to requesting additional operating assistance from AESO on-call personnel.

AESO Papers and Other Related Communications

On October 20, 2010, the AESO issued the [Proposed Rules Framework and Transition Approach for Market Rules discussion paper](#) setting out the AESO’s proposed phased approach for the redrafting and transitioning of the market rules and ISO OPPs.

On April 7, 2011 the AESO issued the [Transition of Market Rules – New Framework Transition Approach and Update on Status of the TOAD Project recommendation paper](#) finalizing its approach to redrafting and transitioning the market rules and ISO OPPs, including the transition of existing confidential ISO OPP 1303.

Summary of the Proposed Confidential ISO OPP 1303 Removal

The AESO is proposing to remove existing confidential ISO OPP 1303 in its entirety.

Confidential ISO OPP 1303 contains procedural information for AESO system controllers and AESO on-call personnel. The information does not contain any requirements for market participants nor does it contain any requirements for the AESO. Therefore, in the AESO’s opinion, it is appropriate to remove existing confidential ISO OPP 1303 in its entirety and relocate the content to the internal system controller procedure manual.

Request for Stakeholder Comments

Comments and suggestions on the proposed Confidential ISO OPP 1303 Removal are encouraged.

Please use the attached comment matrix when submitting comments to the AESO on the proposed Confidential ISO OPP 1303 Removal. The AESO’s rationale for the proposed Confidential ISO OPP 1303 Removal has been provided within the comment matrix. Only written comments will be considered in finalizing the proposed Confidential ISO OPP 1303 Removal.

In keeping with the [AESO Principles for Consultation on ISO Rules Changes](#) please ensure that comments provided represent all interests within each stakeholder organization with respect to the proposed Confidential ISO OPP 1303 Removal.

Please provide stakeholder comments or questions no later than **February 24, 2012**, to Evelyn Kelly, (403) 539-2468 at rules_comments@aeso.ca.

The AESO will be publishing all written stakeholder comments received for industry review in March 2012. Stakeholder comments received along with AESO replies will be published in March 2012.

AESO Reply to Stakeholder Comments

In accordance with Section 8 of AUC Rule 017, the AESO is required to provide a reply to stakeholder comments received regarding the proposed Confidential ISO OPP 1303 Removal.

If no comments are received by the AESO regarding the proposed Confidential ISO OPP 1303 Removal, the AESO will proceed pursuant to AUC Rule 017 to file the proposed removal of Confidential ISO OPP 1303 with the Commission. The AESO will be expecting to file with the Commission in March 2012.

In accordance with Section 20.4 of the *Electric Utilities Act*, market participants may object to ISO rules filed with the Commission within 10 days of the publication by the Commission of the notice of filing of the ISO rules.

Attachments to Letter of Notice

In accordance with Section 4 of AUC Rule 017, the following documents are attached to this Letter of Notice:

1. Copy of the [comment-rationale matrix](#) for the proposed Confidential ISO OPP 1303 Removal.

Please be advised that due to the confidential nature of the information, a copy of the proposed Confidential ISO OPP 1303 is not attached.

The AESO will be requesting the Commission to determine that disclosure of the proposed Confidential ISO OPP 1303 Removal would not be in the public interest.

Proposed Effective Date

The AESO proposes that the proposed Confidential ISO OPP 1303 Removal take effect on May 31, 2012.

Yours sincerely,

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Attachments