The Alberta Utilities Commission
Decision 2012-306: Alberta Electric Systems Operator
2013 Balancing Pool Consumer Allocation Rider F
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Introduction and background

1. On October 25, 2012, the Alberta Utilities Commission (the AUC or the Commission) received an application from the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) for approval, pursuant to subsection 82(6) of the Electric Utilities Act, SA 2003, c. E-5.1 (Electric Utilities Act), of a 2013 Balancing Pool Consumer Allocation Rider F providing a $5.50 per MWh credit to all demand transmission service (DTS) and demand opportunity service (DOS) customers, with the exceptions of the City of Medicine Hat and BC Hydro at Fort Nelson, for consumption from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 inclusive (application).

2. The Commission issued notice of application on October 26, 2012 to the standard electric utility mailing list. The notice advised that any interested parties must submit a statement of intent to participate (SIP) by November 9, 2012. On November 8, 2012, the Commission received a SIP from ATCO Electric Ltd. ATCO Electric Ltd. did not indicate in its SIP that it required a written process for this application.

3. The Commission considers that the close of record for this proceeding occurred on November 9, 2012.

Rider F for 2013

4. Pursuant to the Electric Utilities Act, the Balancing Pool may make distributions from its revenues which are allocated to eligible consumers. These distributions are made through the AESO tariff pursuant to subsection 82(6)(b) of the Electric Utilities Act, through Rider F. The period for which this application is made, from January 1 to December 31, 2013, is the eighth time that such a distribution has been made. As well, the AESO confirmed that in accordance with the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (board) Order U2006-307,¹ the City of Medicine Hat and BC Hydro at Fort Nelson are ineligible for Rider F.

5. Rider F was first approved as a $1.00 per megawatt-hour (MWh) credit for 2006 by the board through board Order U2005-464.² Rider F was revised in subsequent years and approved as follows:

- as a $3.00 per MWh credit for 2007 consumption³

- as a $5.00 per MWh credit for 2008 consumption⁴
- as a $6.50 per MWh credit for 2009 consumption⁵
- as a $4.00 per MWh credit for 2010 consumption⁶ subsequently amended to a $2.00 per MWh credit for July 1, 2010 though December 31 consumption⁷
- as a $2.00 per MWh credit for 2011 consumption⁸ and
- as a $5.50 per MWh credit for 2012 consumption⁹

6. On October 18, 2012, the AESO received notification from the Balancing Pool of an annualized positive amount of $334.8 million to be incorporated into the AESO’s rates, pursuant to sections 30(2) and 82 of the Electric Utilities Act. The AESO proposed that the annualized amount should continue to be provided to all AESO DTS and DOS customers, with the exceptions of the City of Medicine Hat and BC Hydro at Fort Nelson, as a dollar per MWh amount, set at $5.50 per MWh credit effective from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013.

Commission findings

7. On March 13, 2012, the Commission issued Bulletin 2012-03,¹⁰ in response to a letter from the Minister of Energy dated March 8, 2012, regarding current electricity rates and charges, requesting “that the AUC ensure these rates or charges do not exceed their current levels.” As the applied-for Rider F does not reduce the credit, the Commission is satisfied that the intent of Bulletin 2012-03 is met.

8. Therefore, the Commission approves the application for a 2013 Balancing Pool consumer allocation Rider F to provide a $5.50/MWh credit to all DTS and DOS customers, with the exception of the City of Medicine Hat and BC Hydro at Fort Nelson, for consumption from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 inclusive, pursuant to subsection 82(6)(a) of the Electric Utilities Act.

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3 Order

9. It is hereby ordered that:

(1) The applied-for Balancing Pool Consumer Allocation Rider F, as included in Appendix 2 of this decision is approved, effective January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013.

Dated on November 14, 2012.

The Alberta Utilities Commission

(original signed by)

Neil Jamieson
Commission Member
## Appendix 1 – Proceeding participants

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Appendix 2 – Alberta Electric System Operator Rider F

Applicability
1(1) Rider F applies to system access service provided under:
   (a) Demand transmission service Rate DTS; and
   (b) Demand opportunity service Rate DOS.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection 1(1) above, Rider F does not apply to system access service provided to:
   (a) the City of Medicine Hat; or
   (b) BC Hydro at Fort Nelson, British Columbia.

(3) Rider F applies to all settlement periods from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013.

Rider
2(1) Rider F is a credit of $5.50/MWh of metered energy during the settlement period.

(2) For the market participants receiving system access service from the ISO under subsection 1 above, Rider F refunds or collects an annualized amount estimated by the Balancing Pool and transferred to the ISO under section 82 of the Act.

Terms
3 The terms and conditions of the ISO tariff form part of this rider.

Revision History
Effective Description