

## **ATCO Power TOR Comments**

On May 5, 2009 the AESO asked the Demand Response Work Group (DRWG) to provide feedback to the AESO on the DRWG Terms of Reference (TOR). ATCO Power would like to express gratitude to the AESO for probing more thoroughly into the DRWG TOR.

ATCO Power is concerned the current TOR as written mixes indiscriminately demand response and reliability. A competitive operating market should see participation of both demand and supply with a focus on competition versus influencing procurement.

Why is load not actively participating in the real time market? ATCO Power supports the distinct exploration of this question. There should be no barriers to entry around awareness.

The AESO should provide the system requirements for reliability to all market participants. A competitive procurement process is essential.

The DRWG TOR should be revised so demand response and reliability are not confused.