



July 27, 2009

Dear Stakeholder:

Re: Update on Status of WECC Regional Standard BAL-002-WECC-01

The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) would like to update stakeholders on the status of Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) Regional Standard BAL-002-WECC-01 “Contingency Reserve.” Based on the latest information available to the AESO, it is anticipated the projected timeline for approval and implementation of the standard will be further delayed. As such, the AESO will postpone filing of the Alberta version of this standard (BAL-002-WECC-AB-1) with the Alberta Utilities Commission for a future date.

As indicated in the AESO’s letter of April 24, 2009 to stakeholders, the approval of BAL-002-WECC-01 will require changes to the following AESO OPP Rules: 402 - Supplemental and Spinning Reserve Services; 403 - External Spinning and Supplemental Reserves from BC; 405 Automated Northwest PowerPool Contingency Reserve Sharing; and 406 - Firm Load Responsibility, in order to comply with the standard.

If and when the standard receives Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) approval, the AESO will continue to align the effective date with implementation of the standard within the WECC region (90 days after FERC approval).

The AESO commits to keeping stakeholders updated on the progress of this initiative and to communicating with you once notification of approval of the standard has been received.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

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