Alberta Electric System Operator

2015 Balancing Pool Consumer Allocation Rider F

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1. Introduction and background

1. On October 21, 2014, the Alberta Utilities Commission (the AUC or the Commission) received an application (application) from the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) pursuant to Section 82(6) of the Electric Utilities Act, SA 2003, c. E-5.1, requesting approval of:

- an annualized amount provided by the Balancing Pool to the AESO for 2015
- the refund of the annualized amount through a $5.50 per megawatt hour (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, 2015 through December 31, 2015 inclusive.

2. On October 23, 2014, the Commission issued a notice of application advising interested parties to file a statement of intent to participate (SIP) with the Commission no later than November 6, 2014. The Commission did not receive any SIPs for this proceeding. On November 7, 2014, the Commission issued a process letter advising that it would proceed to process the application without any additional process.

3. The Commission considers that the close of record for this proceeding occurred on November 6, 2014.

2. Rider F for 2015

4. Pursuant to the Electric Utilities Act, the Balancing Pool must prepare a budget for each fiscal year setting out the estimate revenues and expenses of the Balancing Pool. In establishing or amending its budget, the Balancing Pool must forecast its revenues and expenses and include an annualized amount. Under subsection 82(4) of the Electric Utilities Act, the Balancing Pool must notify the AESO of an annualized amount for each fiscal year. On October 15, 2014, the Balancing Pool provided notice to the AESO of a positive annualized amount of $319,891,000 for 2015.1

5. Under subsections 82(5) and 30(2)(b) of the Electric Utilities Act, the AESO must include the annualized amount in the AESO tariff. The AESO proposes to refund the annualized amount through a $5.50 per MWh credit to all system access services under DTS and DOS through Rider F. The AESO confirmed that in accordance with the Commission’s predecessor

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1 Exhibit No. 4, Appendix A – Balancing Pool Notice.
the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (board) Order U2006-307, the City of Medicine Hat and BC Hydro at Fort Nelson are ineligible for Rider F.

6. The AESO proposes that all substantive aspects of Rider F continue unchanged from the 2014 Rider F, which the Commission approved in Decision 2013-425 and which is currently in effect.

7. The board initially approved Rider F in Order U2005-464 as a $1 per MWh credit for 2006. Rider F was revised in subsequent years and approved as follows:

- a $3 per MWh credit for 2007 consumption
- a $5 per MWh credit for 2008 consumption
- a $6.50 per MWh credit for 2009 consumption
- a $4 per MWh credit for 2010 consumption subsequently amended to a $2.00 per MWh credit for July 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 consumption
- a $2 per MWh credit for 2011 consumption
- a $5.50 per MWh credit for 2012 consumption
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13 Decision 2013-425.
3 Commission findings

8. The Commission approves the annualized amount provided to the AESO by the Balancing Pool, without modification, pursuant to subsection 82(6)(a) of the *Electric Utilities Act*.

9. The Commission approves the application for a 2015 Balancing Pool Consumer Allocation Rider F to provide a $5.50 per 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, 2015 through December 31, 2015 inclusive, pursuant to subsections 82(5) and (6) of the *Electric Utilities Act*.

4 Order

10. It is hereby ordered that:

   (1) The annualized amount provided to the Alberta Electric System Operator by the Balancing Pool, without modification, is approved for 2015.

   (2) The applied-for Balancing Pool Consumer Allocation Rider F, as included in Appendix 2 of this decision is approved, effective January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015.

Dated on November 13, 2014.

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) Rate DTS, Demand Transmission Service; and

(b) Rate DOS, Demand Opportunity Service.

(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 in all settlement periods from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015.

Rider

2(1) The ISO must determine Rider F as a credit of $5.50/MWh of metered energy during the settlement period.

(2) The ISO must determine Rider F to refund or collect an annualized amount estimated by the Balancing Pool and transferred to the ISO under section 82 of the Act, for the market participants receiving system access service from the ISO under subsection 1 above.

Terms

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

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