



October 22, 2009

Dear Stakeholders:

Re: Demand Response Discussion Paper

The AESO has undertaken a stakeholder consultation over the past year via the Demand Response Working Group (DRWG). The purpose of this group was to examine the Alberta electricity market to identify barriers to demand response and discuss options for increasing demand participation in the market. The AESO has concluded this initial phase of consultation, and has developed a discussion paper that outlines market principles that will be used when considering initiatives to increase demand participation. You can find the paper by [Clicking Here](#).

The AESO appreciates the work done by the subcommittee and the valuable input received during the process. It should be noted, however, that the resulting report is an AESO product designed to engage industry in a consultation process and does not represent a consensus view of the subcommittee.

The discussion paper provides a summary of government policy relating to the demand participation, outlines principles that will be used in evaluating demand response initiatives, and finally examines several potential options for increasing demand participation in several aspects of the market. The scope of the project is limited to incremental change within the construct of the existing market design.

A [comment matrix](#) is included with this letter to facilitate feedback, and the completed comments should be sent to Kris Aksomitis ([Kris.Aksomitis@aeso.ca](mailto:Kris.Aksomitis@aeso.ca)). The deadline for comments on the paper is November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

Yours truly,

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