



November 6, 2008

Dear Market Participants and Interested Parties:

**Re: Final Alberta Reliability Standards (“Reliability Standards”):**

- a) **FAC-003-AB-1 Transmission Vegetation Management Program**
- b) **TOP-005-AB-1 Operational Reliability Information**
- c) **INT-003-AB-2 Interchange Transaction Implementation**

This is to advise you that the AESO Executive Rules Committee (“ERC”) has approved the above-captioned Reliability Standards. The AESO intends to submit these Reliability Standards to the Alberta Utilities Commission (“Commission”) for approval as “reliability standards” pursuant to Section 19 of the *Transmission Regulation*.

The following grid is hyperlinked to provide assistance in directing you to the summary of the Reliability Standards and related attachments.

<b>Rule Number</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Most relevant stakeholder interest</b>
FAC-003-AB-1	<a href="#">Transmission Vegetation Management Program</a>	I	TFOs and GFOs that own transmission facilities
TOP-005-AB-1	<a href="#">Operational Reliability Information</a>	I	TFOs and Pool Participants
INT-003-AB-2	<a href="#">Interchange Transaction Implementation</a>	I	Balancing Authorities

The Reliability Standards were initially distributed for consultation on August 13, 2008. As previously advised, the AESO is also providing responses to market participant comments received. Please click [here](#) to access the comment-response matrix for the Reliability Standards, which includes how comments received from market participants have been considered.

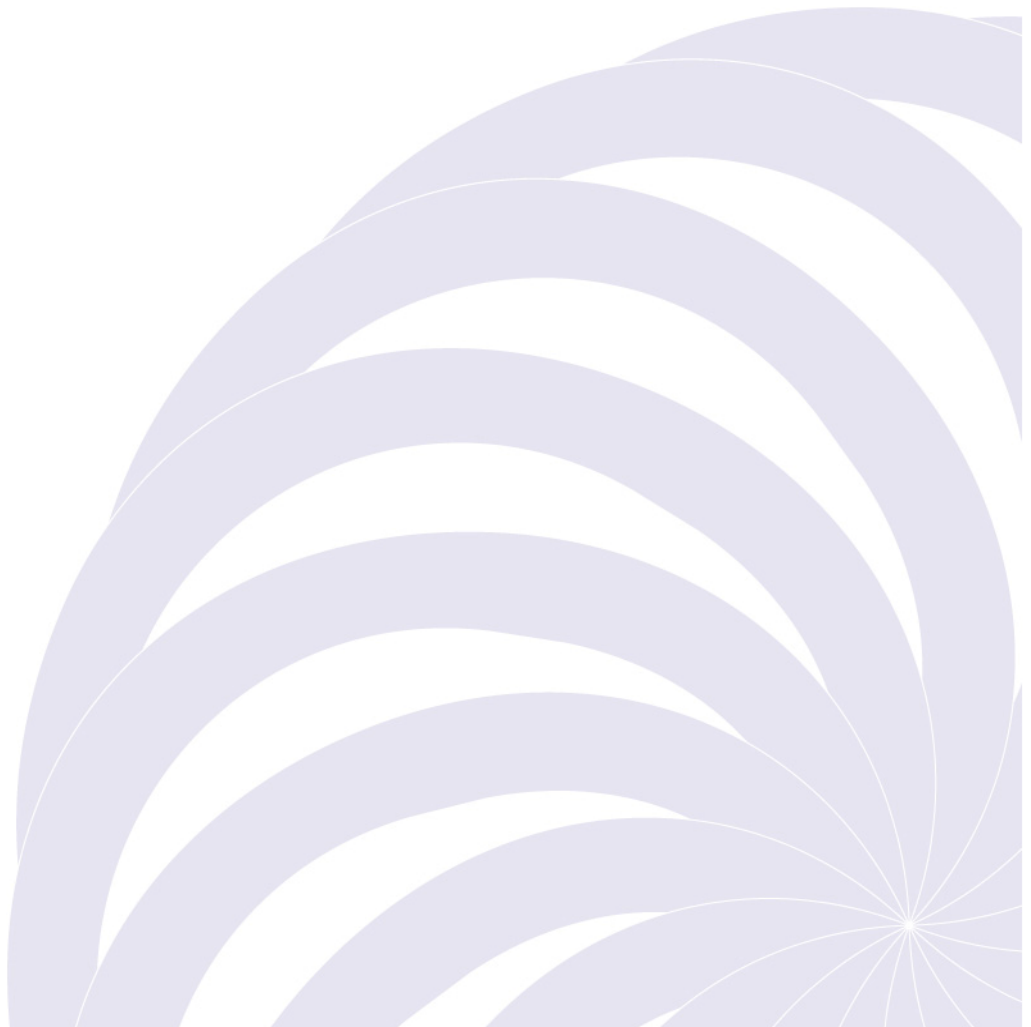


The AESO is expecting to submit the Reliability Standards to the Commission on November 20, 2008.

Yours sincerely,

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## Final Proposed Level I Alberta Reliability Standards

Level I changes are changes that have a significant operational or financial impact on the industry or the AESO. These changes typically require working group input and/or extensive stakeholder consultation to implement an effective solution.

<b>Alberta Reliability Standard - FAC-003-AB-1 Transmission Vegetation Management Program</b>	
Number/Name	Definitions - New FAC-003-AB-1 Transmission Vegetation Management Program
Summary of Reliability Standard	The purpose of this new reliability standard is to improve the reliability of electric transmission systems by preventing outages from vegetation located on a right-of-way (“ROW”) and minimizing outages from vegetation located adjacent to a ROW, maintaining clearances between transmission facilities and vegetation on and along a ROW, and reporting vegetation related outages of electric transmission systems to the ISO and the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (“WECC”).
Summary of Amendment	This new reliability standard is based on the United States Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”) approved North American Electric Reliability Corporation (“NERC”) reliability standard titled FAC-003-1 Transmission Vegetation Management Program.
Level	I
Explanation of Confidentiality	None
Proposed Effective Date	This new reliability standard becomes effective 60 days after the date approved by the Commission with the exception of Requirements R1 and R2 which become effective one year after the date approved by the Commission.
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Attachments

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[FAC-003-AB-1 \(FINAL\)– blacklined](#)

[New Definitions \(FINAL\)- blacklined](#)

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<http://www.nerc.com/files/FAC-003-1.pdf>



## Alberta Reliability Standard - TOP-005-AB-1 Operational Reliability Information

Number/Name	Definitions - New TOP-005-AB-1 Operational Reliability Information
Summary of Reliability Standard	The purpose of this new reliability standard is to ensure entities responsible for reliable power system operation have the operating data needed to monitor system conditions within their areas.
Summary of Amendment	This new reliability standard is based on the United States Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”) approved North American Electric Reliability Corporation (“NERC”) reliability standard titled TOP-005-1 Operational Reliability Information.
Level	I
Explanation of Confidentiality	None
Proposed Effective Date	This new reliability standard is proposed to become effective 120 days after the date approved by the Commission.
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## Alberta Reliability Standard - INT-003-AB-2 Interchange Transaction Implementation

Number/Name	Definitions - New INT-003-AB-2 Interchange Transaction Implementation
Summary of Reliability Standard	The purpose of this new reliability standard is to ensure Balancing Authorities confirm interchange schedules with Adjacent Balancing Authorities prior to implementing the schedules in their area control error equations.
Summary of Amendment	This new reliability standard is based on the United States Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”) approved North American Electric Reliability Corporation (“NERC”) reliability standard titled INT-003-2 Interchange Transaction Implementation.
Level	I
Explanation of Confidentiality	None
Proposed Effective Date	This new reliability standard is proposed to become effective on the date approved by the Commission.
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