March 23, 2015

To: Alberta Utilities Commission ("AUC")

Re: Forwarding Notice on Final Proposed Reliability Coordinator-Related Alberta Reliability Standards ("ARS") Definitions ("New RC Related ARS Definitions").

The Alberta Electric System Operator ("AESO") recommends that the AUC approve the final proposed New RC Related ARS Definitions, pursuant to section 19 of the Transmission Regulation.

Consistent with the AESO’s drafting principles for authoritative documents, the AESO has determined that it is appropriate for defined terms used in the Alberta reliability standards to go through the same consultation process as the Alberta reliability standards themselves. The AESO has determined that there is a need for the New RC Related ARS Definitions in the Alberta reliability standards. These new and amended defined terms will be incorporated into the AESO’s Consolidated Authoritative Document Glossary ("CADG").

Background

Effective January 1, 2014, the AESO assumed the responsibilities that relate to the functions of a Reliability Coordinator ("RC")1 in Alberta. Some of these functions had previously been performed by the Western Electricity Coordinating Council ("WECC") RC. The AESO’s assumption of these functions was approved by the AESO Board in September, 20132 and the New RC Related ARS Definitions are necessary to reflect the same.

On March 23, 2015, the AESO issued a Forwarding Notice to the AUC, recommending the approval of the amendments to existing Alberta Reliability Standards FAC-010-AB1-2.1 and FAC-014-AB1-2, and new Alberta Reliability Standard FAC-011-AB-2, (the "New and Amended Alberta Reliability Standards"). The New RC Related ARS Definitions were developed in conjunction with these New and Amended Alberta Reliability Standards.

The final proposed New RC Related ARS Definitions are proposed for use in Alberta reliability standards that only apply to the AESO.

Summary of Proposed Definition Changes

The AESO proposes to incorporate the following defined terms, along with their related definitions, into the AESO’s CADG. These terms are new and have not previously been incorporated into the AESO’s CADG for the Alberta Reliability Standards.

1. fault
2. facility rating
3. interconnection reliability operating limit Tv
4. planning authority
5. transmission planner

1 The functions of an RC are outlined in the NERC Functional Model Terminology.
AESO Consultation

On March 5, 2015, the AESO posted a notification in its stakeholder newsletter informing market participants and other interested parties that it would not be consulting on the final proposed New RC Related ARS Definitions given that market participants are not likely to be directly affected by the same.

Attachments to Forwarding Notice

The following documents are attached to this Forwarding Notice:

1. Copy of the final proposed New RC Related ARS Definitions; and
2. Copy of AESO Stakeholder Newsletter dated March 5, 2015.

Proposed Effective Date

The AESO recommends that the AUC approve the final proposed New RC Related ARS Definitions to become effective concurrent with the final proposed New and Amended Alberta Reliability Standards: FAC-010-AB1-2.1, FAC-011-AB-2, and FAC-014-AB1-2.

The AESO submits that the final proposed New RC Related ARS Definitions comply with the requirements of the Transmission Regulation, are not technically deficient and are in the public interest.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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Attachments

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3 Section 19(4) of the Transmission Regulation states that, before adopting or making a reliability standard, “the ISO must consult with those Market Participants that it considers are likely to be directly affected”. 