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Attention: Ms. Colleen Fairhead

Dear Ms. Fairhead:

**RE: EXPORT MUST RUN SERVICE
AESO DISCUSSION PAPER – MARCH 2005**

IPCAA has generally reviewed the above-mentioned discussion paper and, while we are not in a position to provide detailed comments at this time, we do wish to make a couple of comments from a load perspective. To the best of our knowledge load customers have not been involved in the discussions which have lead to this paper with the consequence it is hard to discern how this would all work and whether or not there will be an unfair impact on load customers. This is not meant as a criticism of the AESO, but a comment in support of our request for a load meeting with the AESO to discuss this matter in more detail once initial comments have been received and considered by the AESO. Such a meeting would be helpful to IPCAA and we believe, other load groups as well..

Obviously the AESO must comply with the transmission regulation and IPCAA is supportive of fair and efficient treatment regarding exports, but at the same time the AESO must insure Alberta load customers are not in any way subsidizing exports, and that Alberta's market or reliability are not unfairly compromised. This means any cost or cost allocations and TMR issues must be addressed as part of the overall project. In other words, this matter should not be addressed in stages, at least until the objectives and principles are agreed upon.

IPCAA has no further comment at this time, but we will attend any load sessions the AESO has in the future. Also, clearly there will need to be more discussion regarding the

enhancements outlined in section 4.4 of the decision paper. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Yours truly,

(Via Email)
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