

**LTA Working Group**

**Meeting Summary – January 26, 2005**

**1:30 to 3:30 pm – AESO Offices**

**Attendance:**

Allen Crowley – Luscar	Hao Liu - Altalink
Carl Fuchshuber - ATCO	Howie Thomas – Nexen
Cheryl Terry - TCE	Kevin Willerton – AESO (Chair)
Chris Joy – ENMAX	Lynn Meyer – Altagas
Cliff Monar - AESO	Marcy Cochlan – TransAlta
Dan MacNamara - IPCAA	Mike Nozdryn-Plotnicki – MSA
Daniel Jurijew – EPCOR	Norman Mills – BP
Dick Buckland – AMEC	Peter Leier – Alberta Energy
Gil Nault – DOE	Ron Henderson – UCA
Gordon Nadeau – AESO	Terry Dumonceau - EnCana

The primary objectives of this session were to review a reserve margin calculation prepared by the AESO and to review a proposal from the AESO of a project plan for the remainder of the LTA Project.

**Update on Responses to Matrix of Action Items, Metric and Leading Indicators**

The AESO reported that it was encouraged by number of responses/comments received. The AESO will integrate the responses into one document and distribute as soon as possible. The AESO will also distribute those responses that did not come in the form of a completed matrix.

**AESO Presentation of Reserve Margin Calculation**

Gordon Nadeau, from the AESO, presented a discussion document on a proposed calculation for Alberta’s reserve margin.

There was significant discussion about the assumptions used in the calculation. The AESO promised to make a specific request of the LTA group for written comments.

Kevin Willerton told the group that it was the AESO’s intention to publish a reserve margin metric in the next several weeks. When asked why the AESO wanted to publish the metric before the LTA completes its work, Kevin replied that the AESO thought it was in the public interest to publish the reserve margin and that the government was asking for a reliability metric to be published as soon as possible. Many stakeholders were very uncomfortable with the AESO’s plan to publish the metric. Kevin promised to review, internally at the AESO, the plan to publish the number.

## **AESO Presentation of “Proposal for Completing LTA Project”**

Kevin Willerton led a discussion of a proposal from the AESO of a project plan for completing the LTA project. Kevin said the main principles underlying the proposed project plan are inclusiveness and transparency.

There was a lengthy discussion about several aspects of the proposed plan. Some of the points made by stakeholders include:

- Stakeholders are reluctant to give up their ability to introduce new ideas until they have a better idea of what framework the AESO will use to accomplish the LTA Project Goals.
- There are aspects of the project plan that may be impacted by the Roles/Mandates discussions that are happening outside the LTA Committee. Specifically, stakeholders would like some clarity about how they could appeal the AESO’s LTA decision. They were also interested in knowing if they could appear before the AESO Board of Directors to make direct representations.
- What is the timeline?
- Who sets the criteria for how a cost/benefit analysis is completed.
- Add a feedback loop to the end of the project.

When Kevin asked the group if there was overall support for the project plan the group indicated there was. Kevin promised that the AESO would update the project plan to take into consideration some of comments made during the meeting and then the project plan would be distributed for comment.

### **Summary of Action Items:**

1. The AESO will distribute as soon as possible the summary of stakeholder comments on the Matrix of Action Items, Metric and Leading Indicators.
2. The AESO will ask for stakeholder comments on its Reserve Margin discussion paper.
3. The AESO will review internally its decision to post a reserve margin calculation.
4. The AESO will update its proposed project plan and distribute for comment.

### **Meeting Documents**

- [Agenda](#)
- [LTA Metrics Discussion: Reserve Margin – draft for Discussion Purposes](#)
- [AESO Proposal for Completing LTA Project – for Discussion Purposes](#)