

Meeting Minutes
Export Capacity – Commercial, Market, Tariff and Operating Issues
June 29, 2005 – AESO Office

Attendees:

AESO: Colleen Fairhead, Rob Senko, Jerry Mossing
Larry Sibbald and Dan Levson - TransCanada, Carl Fuchshuber – ATCO Power, Terry Dumonceau – EnCana, Howie Thomas – Nexen, Bert Adam – Calpine, Ron Henderson – Utilities Consumer Advocate (UCA), Mike MacDougall – Powerex

Action Items

- See the attached information on action items.

Bi-Lateral Agreements

- It is expected that an interim ATC tool will be in place by the end of August so that operating Calgary area generators will be recognized in the ATC export capacity calculation. Bi-laterals agreements may be needed to relinquish restatement rights until the STA working group rule change is in place by the end of September, 2005 (or later). Also, the rule change will be limited to ATC required for booking exports for less than two hours.
- Bi-laterals can be used to move out-of-merit generation to in-merit generation through a bi-lateral payment that allows an out-of-merit generator to lower their offer price and enter the merit order.
- TransCanada offered to propose a draft of the bi-lateral agreements for discussion at the July 11 meeting.

Calculation of ATC Export Capacity

- The provision of reserves and definition of firm, non-firm or interruptible export or import terms are not well defined by WECC or NERC. Determination of firm or interruptible transfer levels is generally arrived at through tariffs and or agreements between operating areas or regions. AESO will need to determine ATC export capacity that meets WECC and NWPP criteria and ensure that BCTC and other control areas are aware.
- AESO has not finalized the method of determining ATC export capacity for posting day-ahead or hour-ahead. The suggestion at the meeting was to post day-ahead based on historical in-merit generation and hour-ahead based on an N-0 ATC export capacity available. AESO, BCTC and exporters would then take the risk of curtailment within the hour due to a generator or transmission line outage.

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No decisions were made at the meeting as further discussion between AESO and BCTC is needed.

GRAS

- BCTC has agreed to do a technical study on the export capacity available using the current RAS schemes in place between Alberta and BC. The study will begin in the middle of August. The study is expected to take 45 man-days with implementation proposed for the end of 2005.
- The BCTC study will determine transfer capability including Keephills GRAS availability under existing/historical BC contingencies.
- After the initial study is completed, AESO and BCTC will jointly study other contingencies and GRAS levels (200/400/600). Removal of additional constraints may require BCTC and AESO to install RAS facilities.

Firm and non-firm Tariffs

- No further discussion was held on this issue. Discussion of tariffs was held with stakeholders in a morning meeting.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 11, 9:00 to 10:30 AM at the AESO offices.