



July 30, 2009

To: Market Participants and Interested Parties

**Re: Market Suspension Issue Identification Paper**

Attached for your review, consideration, and comment is an [Issue Identification Paper](#) (“the Paper”) outlining a review and assessment of ISO Rule 6.9, Energy Market Suspension (“the Rule”). The AESO requests specific feedback on several areas of the rule as well as any other topics related to market suspension that stakeholders feel should be addressed.

The Paper identifies a number of issues for your consideration including:

- Inability to operate multiple markets during the loss of market management tools for an extended period of time
- Inability to operate the market competitively as a result of transmission constraints
- Need for additional clarity for the system controller
- Need for additional clarity for market participants
- Pricing during an Energy Market Suspension
- Insufficient energy supply over an extended period of time
- Supply surplus over an extended period of time

The Rule review will follow the normal stakeholder consultation process. The implementation plan for the Rule review is as follows:

- Consideration of stakeholder comments on the Market Suspension Issue Identification paper and further consultation will take place in September and October of 2009.
- Discussion paper out to stakeholders and interested parties for comment in November, 2009
- Recommendation paper out to stakeholders and interested parties for comment February, 2010
- Draft rules out to stakeholders and interested parties for comment: April 2010

Please email your comments on the Paper to [ruppa.minhas@aeso.ca](mailto:ruppa.minhas@aeso.ca) using the attached [Comment Matrix](#). The AESO has extended the normal consultation period, as requested by stakeholders, due to stakeholder concerns of staff availability during the summer months. Therefore, please submit your comments by **August 28, 2009**. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 403.539.2589 or [ruppa.minhas@aeso.ca](mailto:ruppa.minhas@aeso.ca).

Yours truly,

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