



August 13, 2009

Dear Market Participants and Interested Parties:

Re: Proposal to Reject NERC Reliability Standards (“NERC Standards”):

- a) **IRO-006-4 Reliability Coordination – Transmission Loading Relief**
- b) **NUC-001-1 Nuclear Plant Interface Coordination**

This is to advise you that the Alberta Electric System Operator (“AESO”) is seeking feedback on its proposal to reject the above-captioned NERC Standards as Alberta Reliability Standards (“Reliability Standards”). This proposal is being considered by the AESO’s internal approval processes in October 2009. After internal AESO approval, the AESO intends to submit a recommendation to reject these NERC Standards as Reliability Standards to the Alberta Utilities Commission (“Commission”) pursuant to Section 19 of the *Transmission Regulation*.

The following grid is hyperlinked to provide assistance in directing you to the summary of the Reliability Standards and related attachments.

Reliability Standard Number	Description
IRO-006-4	Reliability Coordination – Transmission Loading Relief
NUC-001-1	Nuclear Plant Interface Coordination

Please refer to the attached summaries for more information on the NERC Standards.

The AESO would appreciate your comments and suggestions on the NERC Standards. Please use the comment matrix provided when submitting comments to the AESO. [Click here](#) to access the comment matrix for the NERC Standards. Only written comments will be considered in the recommendation to reject the NERC Standards as Reliability Standards.

Please provide feedback or questions by **Friday, August 28, 2009** to the *individual* specified within the NERC Standard description below.

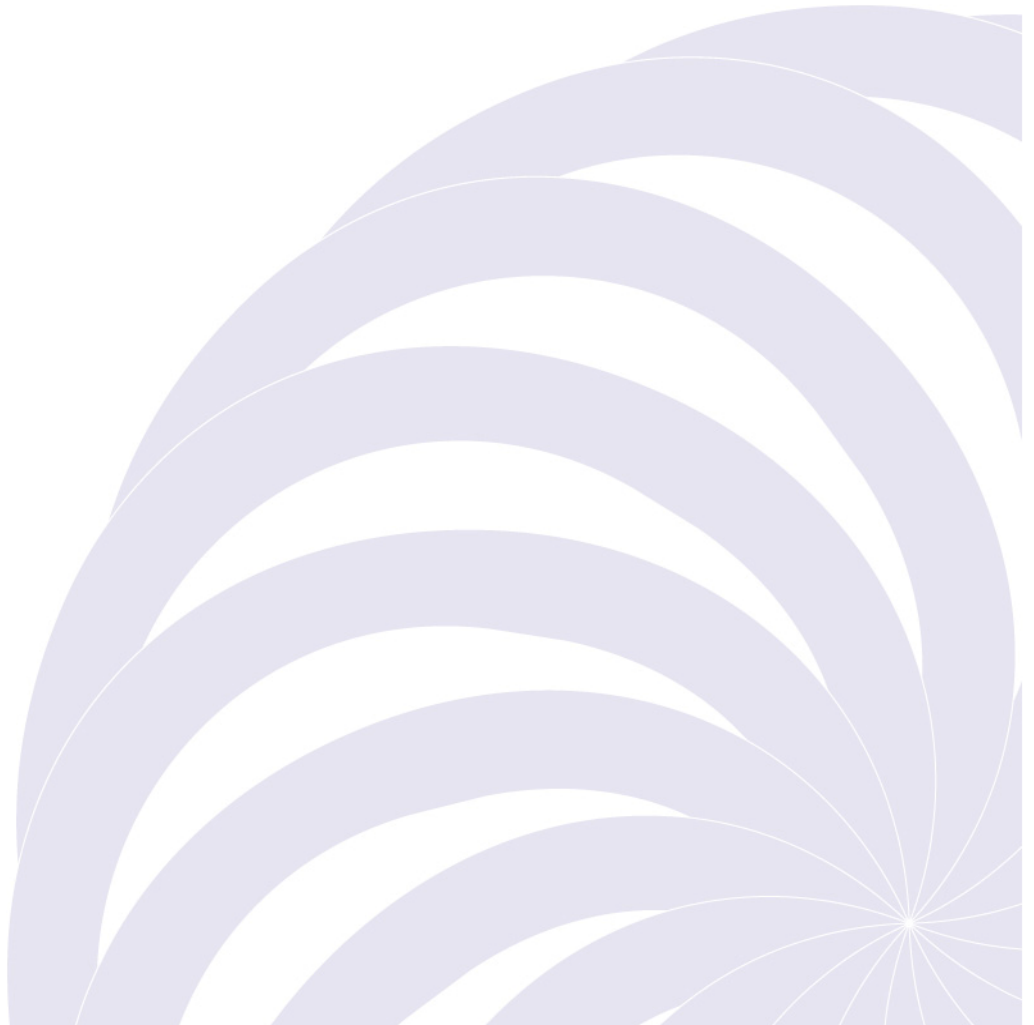


The AESO will be publishing all stakeholder comments received for industry review shortly after the comment deadline.

Yours truly,

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Proposed LEVEL I Changes

Level I changes are changes that have a significant operational or financial impact on the industry or the AESO.

NERC Standard - IRO-006-4 Reliability Coordination – Transmission Loading Relief	
Number/Name	IRO-006-4 Reliability Coordination – Transmission Loading Relief
Description of NERC Standard	The Reliability Coordinator must conduct next-day reliability analyses for its Reliability Coordinator Area to ensure the Bulk Electric System can be operated reliably in anticipated normal and Contingency conditions. System studies must be conducted to highlight potential interface and other operating limits, including overloaded transmission lines and transformers, voltage and stability limits. Plans must be developed to alleviate System Operating Limit (SOL) and Interconnection Reliability Operating Limit (IROL) violations.
Reason for Rejecting as an Alberta Reliability Standard	<p>The recommendation is to reject these NERC reliability standards as Alberta Reliability Standards because they are deemed to be not applicable in Alberta for one or more of the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The requirements are responsibilities of either the WECC or the Vancouver Reliability Coordinator and not of any Alberta market participants or the AESO. 2. The requirements are not applicable in Alberta as they relate to practices not applied in Alberta.
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Attachments	http://www.nerc.com/files/IRO-006-4.pdf



NERC Standard - NUC-001-1 Nuclear Plant Interface Coordination

Number/Name	NUC-001-1 Nuclear Plant Interface Coordination
Description of NERC Standard	Nuclear Plant Generator Operators and Transmission Entities must coordinate for the purpose of ensuring nuclear plant safe operation and shutdown.
Reason for rejecting as an Alberta Reliability Standard	The recommendation is to reject these NERC reliability standards as Alberta Reliability Standards as they are deemed to be irrelevant to Alberta.
AESO Contact	Manager, Operations Services, Jason Murray, jason.murray@aeso.ca , 403.705.5230
Attachments	http://www.nerc.com/files/NUC-001-1.pdf