



November 6, 2008

Dear Market Participants and Interested Parties:

**Re: Letter of Notice – Proposed Level I Transmission Regulation Section 18
Related Changes to Existing OPP 101, OPP 606, OPP 705, OPP 801**

Please be advised that pursuant to Section 2(1) of the Alberta Utilities Commission (“Commission”) Rule 017, the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) is providing notice and seeking feedback on OPP Rule changes that are being considered for recommendation to the AESO Executive Rules Committee (“ERC”) in January 2009.

The AESO recognizes that Commission Proceedings 31 and 33 are underway that deals with Generator Outage Cancellation or Rescheduling and Long Lead Time Energy Dispatches and Directives respectively, and interfaces with the above-captioned OPPs. The AESO also realizes that amendments to these related OPPs are being advanced in parallel before a decision has been made by the Commission with respect to Proceeding 33 and is doing so at this time to be ready to file the OPPS when then decision is rendered by the Commission.

The following grid is hyperlinked to provide assistance in directing you to the proposed OPP Rule changes.

Rule Number	Description	Level	Most relevant stakeholder interest
OPP 101	Dispatching the Energy Market Merit Order	I	All Market Participants
OPP 606	Generator Outage Cancellation	I	GFOs, PPA Buyers, TFOs and Wire Owners
OPP 705	Short Term Adequacy Assessments	I	All Market Participants
OPP 801	Supply Shortfall	I	All Market Participants

Please see the attached summaries for more information on the proposed OPP Rule changes, including a brief explanation of the reason for the change.

Comments and suggestions on the OPP Rule changes being proposed are encouraged. Please use the comment matrix provided when submitting comments to the AESO on the proposed OPP Rule changes. Click [here](#) to access the comment matrix for the proposed OPP Rule changes. Only written comments will be considered in finalizing the OPP Rule changes.



Please provide feedback or questions by **Friday, December 5, 2008** to the *individual* specified within the OPP Rule change description below.

The AESO will be publishing all stakeholder comments received for industry review shortly after the comment deadline. Stakeholder comments received along with AESO responses will be published with the final proposed OPP Rule changes being submitted to the ERC for approval in January 2009.

Yours sincerely,

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Proposed LEVEL I ISO Rule Changes

Level I changes are changes that have a significant operational or financial impact on the industry or the AESO. These changes typically require working group input and/or extensive stakeholder consultation to implement an effective solution.

OPP 101 Dispatching the Energy Market Merit Order	
Rule Section/Number	Part 3, OPP 101 Dispatching the Energy Market Merit Order
Summary of ISO Rule	OPP 101 defines the methodology used by the System Controller (SC) when dispatching bids and offers in the energy market merit order under normal operating conditions.
Summary of Amendment	Proposed amendments to OPP 101 are required to reflect the revised definition of DDS dispatch conditions and quantity per TR Section 18 and proposed ISO Rules 6.3.6.2 and 6.3.6.3. The DDS dispatch quantity is revised to include long lead time energy i.e., DDS dispatch = TMR + long lead time energy directive - constrained down directive.
Level	I
Explanation of Confidentiality	None
Proposed Effective Date	February 12, 2009 - subject to completion of the required SC tool change
AESO Contact	Operating Policy and Procedures, Anita Lee, anita.lee@aeso.ca , (403) 539-2497
Attachments	<p>See attached – blacklined version OPP101DRAFT2 - blacklined</p> <p>See attached – clean version. OPP101DRAFT2 - clean</p>



OPP 606 Generator Outage Cancellation

Rule Section/Number	Part 3, OPP 606 Generator Outage Coordination
Summary of ISO Rule	OPP 606 defines the process to be used by the AESO, generation facility owners (GFOs) and Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) Buyers (collectively called STS Contracting Parties) to cancel outages to generation facilities on the Alberta Interconnected Electric System (AIES).
Summary of Amendment	Proposed amendments to OPP 606 are required to implement the TR Section 18 requirements for outage cancellation, and associated proposed ISO Rule 5.1.2. Within 90 days of the planned generator outage, if the outage volume exceeds the acceptable threshold (as defined in the OPP) the ISO will implement a specified escalation protocol, and if the issue is still unresolved, may direct cancellation of the generator outage.
Level	I
Explanation of Confidentiality	None
Proposed Effective Date	February 12, 2009
AESO Contact	Operating Policy and Procedures, Anita Lee, anita.lee@aeso.ca , (403) 539-2497
Attachments	<p>See attached – blacklined version OPP606DRAFT2 - blacklined</p> <p>See attached – clean version. OPP606DRAFT2 - clean</p>



OPP 705 Short Term Adequacy Assessment

Rule Section/Number	Part 3, OPP 705 Short Term Adequacy Assessments
Summary of ISO Rule	OPP 705 defines the policy and procedures for the System Controller when determining the short-term adequacy of available supply to meet the Alberta Interconnected Electric System demand requirements and requesting for or directing available supply.
Summary of Amendment	<p>Proposed amendments to OPP 705 are required to implement the TR Section 18 requirements regarding directing on long lead time energy and the associated proposed ISO Rules 6.3.5. The OPP defines the short term adequacy threshold which if not met, the SC may direct on long lead time energy.</p> <p>In addition, reference to the Rosssdale generator has been deleted from the long lead time energy generator list.</p>
Level	I
Explanation of Confidentiality	<p>OPP 705 has confidential Tables 2 and 3 that provide a list of aggregated assets that have long lead times greater than one hour and behind-the-fence load supplied by on-site generation and is considered as privileged information by the customers.</p> <p>The AESO will be requesting the Commission confirm that disclosure of confidential tables attached to the OPP Rule would not be in the public interest.</p>
Proposed Effective Date	February 12, 2009 - subject to completion of the required SC tool change
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OPP 801 Supply Shortfall

Rule Section/Number	Part 3, OPP 801 Supply Shortfall
Summary of ISO Rule	OPP 801 defines procedures for the System Controller to follow and specifies measures to be taken by Market Participants involved in responding to generation capacity shortages within the Alberta Interconnected Electric System control area in order to maintain system reliability.
Summary of Amendment	<p>Proposed amendments to OPP 801 are required to implement the TR Section 18 requirements regarding directing on long lead time energy and the associated proposed ISO Rules 6.3.5. The OPP defines the SC procedures on directing on long lead time energy during a supply shortfall situation.</p> <p>In addition, reference to the Rosssdale generator has been deleted from the long lead time energy generator list.</p>
Level	I
Explanation of Confidentiality	<p>OPP 801 has Tables 2 through 5 that contain information on generation levels, station service loads, voluntary curtailment loads and phone numbers. This information is considered privileged information by the generators and customers.</p> <p>No changes were made to the confidential Tables attached to OPP 801.</p>
Proposed Effective Date	February 12, 2009
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