



January 29, 2009

Dear Market Participants and Interested Parties:

Re: Proposed Alberta Reliability Standards (“Reliability Standards”):

- a) **EOP-003-AB-1 Load Shedding Plans**
- b) **EOP-004-AB-1 Disturbance Reporting**
- c) **Updated Alberta Reliability Standards Glossary of Terms (“Updated Glossary”)**

This is to advise you that the Alberta Electric System Operator (“AESO”) is seeking feedback on the above-captioned Reliability Standards that are being considered for recommendation to the AESO Executive Rules Committee (“ERC”) in April 2009. The AESO intends to submit the ERC approved Reliability Standards to the Alberta Utilities Commission (“Commission”) for approval as “reliability standards” 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.

Rule Number	Description	Most relevant stakeholder interest
EOP-003-AB-1	Load Shedding Plans	TFOs, Demand Customers, Wire Service Providers
EOP-004-AB-1	Disturbance Reporting	TFOs and GFOs
Alberta Reliability Standards Glossary of Terms	Updated Glossary	Market Participants

Please refer to the attached summaries for more information on the Reliability Standards, including a comparison document showing the differences between the corresponding United States Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”) approved reliability standard and the Reliability Standards, and the reasons for the differences.

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

Please provide feedback or questions by **Friday, February 27, 2009** to the [individual](#) specified within the Reliability Standard description below.

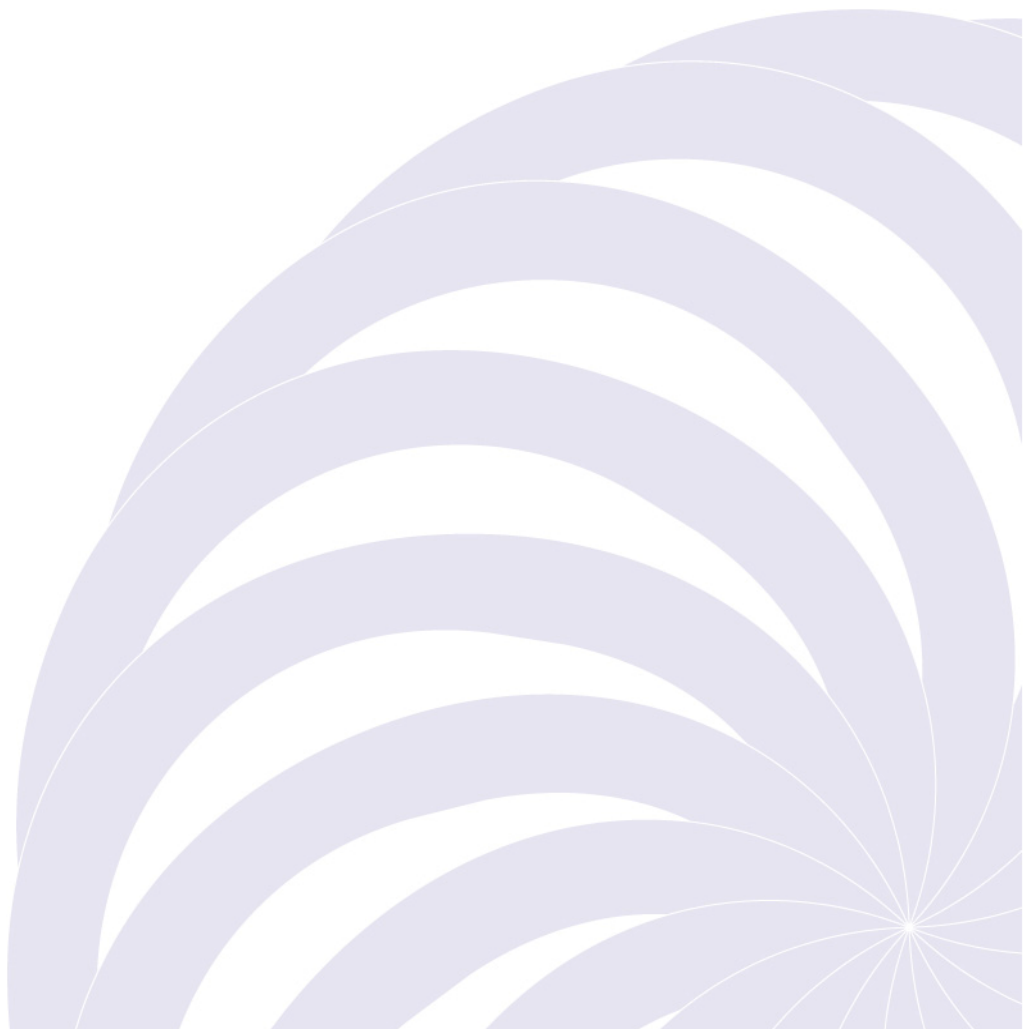


The AESO will be publishing all stakeholder comments received for industry review shortly after the comment deadline. Stakeholder comments received along with AESO responses will be published with Reliability Standards being recommended to the ERC in April 2009.

Yours sincerely,

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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. These changes typically require working group input and/or extensive stakeholder consultation to implement an effective solution.

Alberta Reliability Standard – EOP-003-AB-1 Load Shedding Plans	
Number/Name	EOP-003-AB-1 Load Shedding Plans
Summary of Alberta Reliability Standard	The purpose of this Reliability Standard is to ensure plans are in place and are implemented to shed load when there is insufficient generation or transmission capacity, to mitigate the risk of an uncontrolled failure of the Interconnection.
Summary of Amendment	This new reliability standard is based on the United States Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”) approved North American Electric Reliability Corporation (“NERC”) reliability standard titled EOP-003-1 Load Shedding Plans.
Level	I
Explanation of Confidentiality	None
Proposed Effective Date	This new Reliability Standard is proposed to become effective ten days following approval by the Commission
AESO Contact	Operating Policy and Procedures, Anita Lee, anita.lee@aeso.ca , (403) 539-2497
Attachments	<p>See attached.</p> <p>EOP-003-AB-1 – clean</p> <p>Comparison Document between EOP-003-1 and EOP-003-AB-1</p> <p>http://www.nerc.com/files/EOP-003-1.pdf</p>



Alberta Reliability Standard – EOP-004-AB-1 Disturbance Reporting

Number/Name	EOP-004-AB-1 Disturbance Reporting
Summary of Alberta Reliability Standard	The purpose of this Reliability Standard is to ensure that events that jeopardize the operation of the bulk electric system (BES), or result in system equipment damage or customer interruptions, are studied and understood to minimize the likelihood of similar events in the future. To ensure that disturbances and unusual occurrences are reported to Western Electricity Coordinating Council (“WECC”) and North American Electric Reliability Corporation (“NERC”).
Summary of Amendment	This new reliability standard is based on the United States Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”) approved North NERC reliability standard titled EOP-004-1 Disturbance Reporting.
Level	I
Explanation of Confidentiality	None
Proposed Effective Date	This new Reliability Standard is proposed to become effective ten days following approval by the Commission.
AESO Contact	Operations Planning, Jerry Mossing, jerry.mossing@aesoc.ca , (403) 539-2496
Attachments	See attached. EOP-004-AB-1 – clean Comparison Document between EOP-004-1 and EOP-004-AB-1 http://www.nerc.com/files/EOP-004-1.pdf



Alberta Reliability Standards Glossary of Terms

Number/Name	Alberta Reliability Standards Glossary of Terms
Summary of Alberta Reliability Standard	This Alberta Reliability Standards Glossary of Terms contains definitions of terms used in Reliability Standards.
Summary of Amendment	The Updated Glossary has been amended to add new and supplemental definitions and removed a definition already existing in the ISO Rules.
Level	I
Explanation of Confidentiality	None
Proposed Effective Date	This Updated Glossary is proposed to become effective ten days following the date approved by the Commission.
AESO Contact	Operations Planning, Jerry Mossing, jerry.mossing@aeso.ca , (403) 539-2496
Attachments	<p>See attached – blacklined version. Updated Glossary - blacklined</p> <p>See attached – clean version. Updated Glossary - clean</p>