



August 13, 2008

Dear Market Participants and Interested Parties:

**Re: Letter of Notice – Proposed Reliability Standards and Level I ISO Rules (together “Reliability Standards”):**

- a) **FAC-003-AB-1 Transmission Vegetation Management Program**
- b) **TOP-005-AB-1 Operational Reliability Information**
- c) **INT-003-AB-2 Interchange Transaction Implementation**

The Alberta Electric System Operator (“AESO”) is providing notice and seeking feedback in accordance with section 2(1) of the Alberta Utilities Commission (“Commission”) Rule 017, on proposed Reliability Standards that it intends to submit for approval as “reliability standards” pursuant to section 19 of the *Transmission Regulation* and to file as ISO Rules pursuant to section 20.2 of the *Electric Utilities Act*.

The attached [Alberta Reliability Standards Implementation Plan](#) provides a high level description and background regarding the proposed Reliability Standards.

For your consideration, attached are the proposed Reliability Standards. The following grid is hyperlinked to provide assistance in directing you to these.

<b>Reliability Standard Number</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Most relevant stakeholder interest</b>
FAC-003-AB-1	<a href="#">Transmission Vegetation Management Program</a>	I	TFOs and GFOs that own transmission facilities
TOP-005-AB-1	<a href="#">Operational Reliability Information</a>	I	TFOs and Pool Participants
INT-003-AB-2	<a href="#">Interchange Transaction Implementation</a>	I	Balancing Authorities

Please refer to the attached summaries for more information on the proposed Reliability Standards, including a comparison document showing the differences between the corresponding U.S. FERC approved reliability standard and the proposed Reliability Standard, and the reasons for the differences.

The AESO would appreciate your comments and suggestions on the proposed Reliability Standards. Please use the comment matrix provided when submitting comments to the



AESO. Click [here](#) to access the comment matrix for the proposed Reliability Standards. Only written comments will be considered in finalizing the Reliability Standards.

Please provide feedback or questions by **Friday, September 12, 2008** to the ***individual*** specified within the Reliability Standards 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 Reliability Standards when they are submitted to the AESO's Executive Rules Committee for review and approval, anticipated to be in October 2008.

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.

<b>AESO Reliability Standard - FAC-003-AB-1 Transmission Vegetation Management Program</b>	
Rule Section/Number/Name	Part 1, G1 Definitions - New Part 4, FAC-003-AB-1 Transmission Vegetation Management Program
Summary of Reliability Standard	The purpose of this reliability standard is to improve the reliability of electric transmission systems by preventing outages from vegetation located on a ROW and minimizing outages from vegetation located adjacent to a ROW, maintaining clearances between transmission facilities and vegetation on and along a ROW, and reporting vegetation related outages of electric transmission systems to the ISO and the WECC.
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 FAC-003-1 Transmission Vegetation Management Program.
Level	I
Explanation of Confidentiality	None
Proposed Effective Date	This Reliability Standard is proposed to become effective 60 days after the date approved by the Commission with the exception of Requirements R1 and R2 which become effective one year after the date approved by the Commission.



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Attachments	<b>See attached - clean version.</b> <a href="#">FAC-003-AB-1 – clean</a> <a href="#">New Definitions – clean</a> <a href="#">Comparison Document between FAC-003-1 and FAC-003-AB-1</a>  <a href="http://www.nerc.com/files/FAC-003-1.pdf">http://www.nerc.com/files/FAC-003-1.pdf</a>



## AESO Reliability Standard - TOP-005-AB-1 Operational Reliability Information

Rule Section/Number/Name	Part 1, G1 Definitions - New Part 4, TOP-005-AB-1 Operational Reliability Information
Summary of Reliability Standard	The purpose of this Reliability Standard is to ensure entities responsible for reliable power system operation have the operating data needed to monitor system conditions within their areas.
Summary of Amendment	This Reliability Standard is based on the United States Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”) approved North American Electric Reliability Corporation (“NERC”) reliability standard titled TOP-005-1 Operational Reliability Information.
Level	I
Explanation of Confidentiality	None
Proposed Effective Date	This Reliability Standard is proposed to become effective as an ISO Rule 120 days after the day on which notice of the Reliability Standard is published by the Commission.
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Attachments	<b>See attached - clean version.</b> <a href="#">TOP-005-AB-1 – clean</a> <a href="#">New Definitions – clean</a> <a href="#">Comparison Document between TOP-005-1 and TOP-005-AB-1</a>  <a href="http://www.nerc.com/files/TOP-005-1.pdf">http://www.nerc.com/files/TOP-005-1.pdf</a>



## AESO Reliability Standard - INT-003-AB-2 Interchange Transaction Implementation

Rule Section/Number/Name	Part 1, G1 Definitions - New Part 4, INT-003-AB-2 Interchange Transaction Implementation
Summary of Reliability Standard	The purpose of this Reliability Standard is to ensure Balancing Authorities confirm interchange schedules with Adjacent Balancing Authorities prior to implementing the schedules in their area control error equations.
Summary of Amendment	This Reliability Standard is based on the United States Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”) approved North American Electric Reliability Corporation (“NERC”) reliability standard titled INT-003-2 Interchange Transaction Implementation.
Level	I
Explanation of Confidentiality	None
Proposed Effective Date	This Reliability Standard is proposed to become effective the 10 <sup>th</sup> day after the day on which notice of this Reliability Standard as an ISO Rule is published by the Commission.
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Attachments	<b>See attached - clean version.</b> <a href="#">INT003-AB-2 – clean</a> <a href="#">New Definitions – clean</a> <a href="#">Comparison Document between INT-003-2 and INT-003-AB-2</a> <a href="http://www.nerc.com/files/INT-003-2.pdf">http://www.nerc.com/files/INT-003-2.pdf</a>