



March 8, 2007

Dear Stakeholder:

Interest in, and development of, wind power continues to grow. Alberta is a leader in wind power development in Canada, being the first jurisdiction to develop wind interconnection standards and reach milestone wind penetration levels such as 360 MW in 2006 and much more under development. The AESO recognizes the importance, both to system reliability and to the successful development of renewable resources in Alberta, to understand the impact of increasing wind power on Alberta's power system.

Studies completed in 2005/06 indicated wind power poses system reliability concerns as wind penetration increases in the absence of corresponding mitigation measures. Facing substantial wind additions in the near term, the AESO established a temporary 900 MW threshold to ensure continued system reliability until appropriate mitigation measures could be defined and associated cost allocations determined.

Working with industry stakeholders and other jurisdictions the AESO has developed the attached [Market and Operational Framework for Wind Integration in Alberta](#). It is intended to serve as the basis for discussion among all interested electric industry stakeholders with the ultimate objective of determining, finalizing and implementing rules and tools needed to integrate as much wind into the Alberta system as feasible without compromising system reliability or the fair, efficient and openly competitive operation of the market.

Interested stakeholders are invited to a workshop to be held at the **Metropolitan Centre** in Calgary, 333 Fourth Avenue S.W. on Monday, **March 26 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.** The purpose of the workshop will be to present the framework for wind integration and to provide added clarity where needed. Please RSVP to Allison Matthews at allison.mathews@aeso.ca by March 19, 2007.

Following the workshop, stakeholders will have the opportunity to submit written feedback and comments on the paper to the AESO. Please submit comments to laura.letourneau@aeso.ca by Friday, April 6, 2007.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact myself or Laura Letourneau at 403-539-2458.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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cc. Wayne St. Amour, Warren Frost, Laura Letourneau