

17 April 2009

Alberta Electric System Operator
Calgary Place
2500, 330 - 5th Ave SW
Calgary, AB T2P 0L4

Attention: Vice President, Market Services

Dear Ms. Terry,

RE: AESO Market Road Update

Please accept the following as Powerex's comments on the February 2009 Market Road Update.

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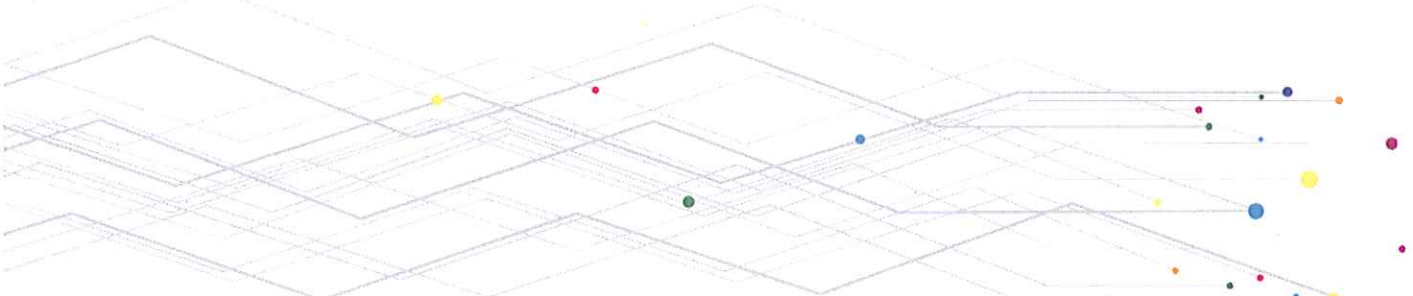
With respect to the IT systems upgrades, Powerex would like to ensure the AESO is factoring in the required enhancements necessary to permit and facilitate dynamic scheduling capability with BCTC. In addition, Powerex would like to make certain that the AESO is progressing with the implementation of the use of E-tags. Powerex believes that the use of E-tags will greatly facilitate coordination and transparency between operations and compliance.

Interties

Powerex strongly advocates allowing dispatchability of the interties and permitting the interties to set price. Powerex takes issue with the 2005 DOE Electricity Policy Framework statement referenced in the Roadmap document that there is potential concern associated with importers having an unfair advantage over Alberta generation. Powerex firmly believes that allowing the interties to set price will better reflect the true cost of energy and allow for a more economic and efficient Alberta market.

MATL

Powerex is interested in reviewing the AESO's body of work on the integration of the MATL into the AIES. Of particular interest is the manner in which the AESO will address any negative impacts (i.e. reduction in transfer capability) on the existing tielines.



Monitoring/Metrics

Powerex reiterates its support for publication of all market performance metrics. Powerex believes the goals of a fair efficient and openly competitive market would be best met with increased transparency/publication. Powerex would like to see timely posting of T-2 violations, both with and without acceptable operating reasons, as well as a list of acceptable operating reasons.

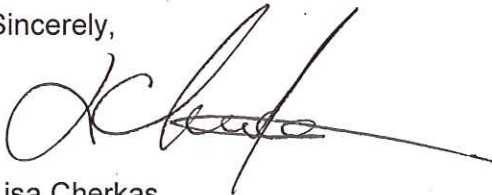
Consultation Process/Timeline

Powerex strongly supports the use of the AESO's new consultation timeline structure. The concise, transparent nature of the timeline provides clear communication to stakeholders with respect to the detail, complexity and progress of any given initiative. This timeline structure should facilitate stakeholder communication and feedback as well as clearly establishing process and accountability for each project.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Market Roadmap. Please contact me should you have any questions with respect to Powerex's comments.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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