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To: All Participants and Interested Parties

Re: AESO RAS Discussion Paper

The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) is pleased to inform participants that we have posted a discussion paper to our website entitled Transmission Constraints Management: RAS in the Planning Stage. The paper along with a [comment matrix](#) may be accessed by going to our website at <http://www.aeso.ca> and then following the path Market > Market Policy Implementation > Congestion Management.

The RAS discussion paper is part of a series of discussion papers on the topic of Transmission Constraints Management (TCM). A previous discussion paper entitled AESO Recommendation Paper Congestion Management Plan dated August 30 2007 outlined the approach to TCM during real time operations and those recommendations were incorporated in TCM Rule 9.4 which the Alberta Utilities Commission has ruled upon. This discussion paper addresses TCM that may be identified during the interconnection process or through system and interconnection studies. The paper contains a review of the AESO's use of Remedial Action Schemes (RAS) and the business practices that are applied in determining the assignment and operation of those schemes.

All market participants and interested parties are encouraged to provide comments on the discussion paper to the AESO by July 24, 2009. Please email your completed comment matrix to [gordon.nadeau@aeso.ca](mailto:gordon.nadeau@aeso.ca). Should you have any questions regarding the paper, please contact Gordon Nadeau 403-539-2568.

Yours truly,

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