



April 8, 2010

Dear Market Participants and Other Interested Stakeholders:

Re: Communication of project updates during the connection of the Keephills 3 generator and related upgrades to Edmonton region 240 kV transmission lines

The interconnection of the new Keephills 3 generator and related upgrades to Edmonton region 240 kV transmission lines will require a significant number of transmission line outages and possible generator curtailments during the 18 month construction period from approximately April 2010 to October 2011.

Under normal circumstances, any one of these system upgrade related outages would require an amendment to Operating Policy and Procedure (OPP) 517, the current OPP for operations in the Keephills/Ellerslie/Genesee (KEG) Area. However, given the high number of system configurations required during the construction period, and the speed at which the configurations are required to be in effect, it is impractical and inefficient to develop a series of amendments to OPP 517 coinciding with each new system configuration.

Therefore, the AESO's view is that the appropriate approach is to amend OPP 517 with the Alberta Utilities Commission in May, under the provisions to expedite ISO rules pursuant to Section 20.6 of the *Electric Utilities Act*.

The amended OPP 517 will remove the current operational provisions that become invalid once the project begins, and substitute interim procedures allowing the AESO to issue curtailment directives as required to generating facilities and transmission facility operators directly affected by the project. These interim procedures will last for duration of the project and will be superseded by a permanent successor to the original OPP 517 once the project is complete.

The AESO is using all reasonable efforts to provide market participants with timely and accurate information on the project schedule, including any specific projected outages and curtailments, however, interested stakeholders are reminded that this information is subject to change.

To keep stakeholders informed of these changes, we have established a [webpage](#) dedicated to providing information on the Keephills 3 Interconnection project. Stakeholders are advised to keep apprised of the project status by checking the project update page, as well as the AESO's two outages reports: [Long Term Critical Outages](#) and [Approved Outages](#) which can be found on the AESO website under "Grid Operations > Outages."

This project page will be updated as necessary throughout the project in order to provide, to the best of our ability, updated information to stakeholders in a timely, comprehensive, and transparent manner.

Should you have any questions, please contact Cam Bush, Manager Operations Coordination at ph: 403-705-5204.

Sincerely,

*Original signed by*

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