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International recognition for AESO efforts to integrate Wind Powered Electricity

CALGARY, Alberta (March 27, 2008) – U.S. based Utility Wind Integration Group (UWIG), yesterday announced John Kehler, a senior technical specialist with the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO), as one of its 2008 Honorees for Achievement in Wind Integration.

Kehler is part of the team leading the AESO's efforts to address the challenges of integrating wind into the Alberta electricity market and to determine appropriate mitigation measures to ensure system reliability and fair, open and efficient market operation. He has also led and been involved in AESO efforts with stakeholders to develop a clear set of rules to guide participation of wind generators in the market and a wind forecasting pilot project to assist system operators in dealing with the variable nature of wind generation. All of this has resulted in Alberta becoming the Canadian leader in wind power development.

In the citation for the award, UWIG President Henry Durrwachter states that "John Kehler has made a significant contribution to the electric power and wind industries and is to be commended for advancing the integration of wind generation and his work in addressing the challenges of integrating wind into the Alberta electricity market."

"We are very proud of the work the AESO has done in collaboration with stakeholders on wind integration and John has shown great foresight, commitment and leadership," said AESO Vice-President Operations and Reliability Warren Frost. "This amounts to the AESO receiving international recognition for our industry leading efforts in wind integration."

UWIG was established in 1989 to provide a forum for the critical analysis of wind technology for utility applications and to serve as a source of information on the status of wind technology and deployment in the United States. UWIG has over 120 members from the United States, Canada, Europe, and Australia, including investor-owned utilities; transmission system operators; and associate member corporate, government, and academic organizations.

As an independent system operator, the AESO leads the safe, reliable and economic planning, development and operation of Alberta's interconnected power system. The AESO also facilitates Alberta's fair, efficient and openly competitive wholesale electricity market, which has about 200 participants and approximately \$8 billion in annual energy transactions.

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