

December 20, 2010

Dear Market Participants and Interested Parties:

**Re: AESO Revises the Publication Date of the Draft Recommendation Paper on the Competitive Procurement Process for Critical Transmission Infrastructure**

As a follow up to the AESO letter dated November 23, 2010 regarding the competitive procurement process, stakeholders have clearly encouraged the AESO to review the competencies and skills needed to develop, seek approval for and implement a competitive process. The AESO recognizes the value of additional expertise to assist in developing and implementing a successful process in Alberta. We have engaged several experts in numerous fields, to provide input and counsel into the development of the process.

To ensure this expertise can be fully utilized in formulating the AESO's draft Recommendation Paper, the AESO has revised the publication date of the draft Recommendation Paper to the end of Q1.

We are committed to keeping you informed and will provide an update to stakeholders and a revised consultation schedule in the New Year.

Sincerely,

*Original signed by*

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