



Dear Stakeholders,

This memo is intended to provide an update on various AESO initiatives currently underway in an effort to address current export limitations.

February 16 Export Workshop

The AESO hosted an export workshop on February 16, 2006. There were over 30 people in attendance. I would like to thank the participants for attending and actively participating in the session. I'd also like to extend a special thank you to the speakers. You can find all the presentations on the AESO website at www.aeso.ca and follow the path Grid Operations → System Studies → Export Capability.

Calgary Area Capacitor Bank Installation Schedule

The remaining Calgary area capacitor banks are scheduled to be in service near the end of March 2006. The AESO has prepared an update to OPP 304 to incorporate the effects of the cap banks.

SOK – 240 Implementation

At the February 16 workshop, I presented the SOK- 240 cutplane as the recommended operational indicator of the Edmonton to Calgary transmission capability. The implementation schedule for SOK – 240 includes stakeholder comment periods for both draft 1 and draft 2 of the relevant OPPs. An SOK – 240 workshop will be scheduled by the end of March, Implementation for SOK – 240 is planned for May 1 to coincide with the date that summer operating limits take effect. We have published the Backbone Capability Study on the AESO website at www.aeso.ca and follow the path Grid Operations → System Studies → Export Capability.

Other Export Activities

The AESO continues to work with stakeholders on a number of other export related activities including the development of a comprehensive work plan. This plan will include items which are already underway such as the remedial action schemes initiative and initiation of upgrades on 900L to address existing thermal limits. The AESO will investigate further upgrades of this nature and bring these matters up for discussion with stakeholders.

The AESO is committed to finding solutions that satisfactorily address concerns about import/export capacity in a collaborative and consultative manner. We look forward to continuing to work with a dedicated stakeholder group, consisting of experienced technical staff from interested parties, BCTC, ALTALink, and the AESO to explore other operational and planning activities relating to export capacity.

Regards,

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