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1 Purpose

This Information Document relates to Section 103.1 of the ISO rules, *Confidentiality* (“Section 103.1”).

The purpose of this Information Document is to provide information with respect to how the AESO determines which records, in its opinion, are commercially sensitive, under subsection 2(1)(b) of Section 103.1.

2 What Is a Commercially Sensitive Record

The Freedom of Information Privacy Act defines a “record” as “a record of information in any form and includes notes, images, audiovisual recordings, x-rays, books, documents, maps, drawings, photographs, letters, vouchers, and papers and any other information that is written, photographed, recorded or stored in any manner, but does not include software or any mechanism that produces records.”

The AESO deals with a wide variety of information from market participants on a day-to-day basis. When records are received from market participants, the AESO will assess whether the record is commercially sensitive based on whether the record, if disclosed, could reasonably result in circumstances that prejudice commercial interests or violate contractual or legislative obligations, including, any of the following:

- a change in the pool price;
- influence on a market participant's offer or bid strategy or activity in the electricity market;
- impact proprietary business elements of a market participant or other person; or
- contravene an AESO's license agreement or commercial contract.

Records that are determined to be commercially sensitive are afforded confidential treatment under Section 103.1.

Revision History

Posting Date	Description of Changes
2020-05-21	Initial release

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