

May 29, 2017

To: Market Participants and Other Interested Parties

Re: **Alberta Electric System Operator (“AESO”) Reply to Market Participants Comments on Proposed New Alberta Reliability Standard EOP-005-AB-2, System Restoration from Blackstart Resources (“new EOP-005-AB-2”)**

On February 7, 2017, the AESO issued a Consultation Letter regarding proposed new EOP-005-AB-2 and requesting market participant comments on the same.

AESO Reply to Market Participant Comments

On March 9, 2017, the AESO posted written comments received regarding proposed new EOP-005-AB-2. The AESO’s replies to comments, including the rationale or basis for the position of the AESO that explains why certain positions were rejected or accepted, are set out in the attached Market Participant Comment and AESO Replies Matrix.

The AESO has made amendments to proposed new EOP-005-AB-2 in response to comments received, which are reflected in the attached blackline.

Forwarding of the Final Proposed new EOP-005-AB-2

Pursuant to Section 19 of the *Transmission Regulation*, the AESO expects to forward the final proposed new EOP-005-AB-2 to the Alberta Utilities Commission (“AUC” or “Commission”) on June 22, 2017, with the AESO’s recommendation that the Commission approve final proposed new EOP-005-AB-2 as an Alberta reliability standard.

New EOP-005-AB-2 is proposed to become effective on first day of the month following three (3) full calendar quarters (January 1, April 1, July 1, October 1) after Commission approval.

Attachments to AESO Reply Letter

The following documents are attached:

1. [Market Participant Comment and AESO Replies Matrix](#) on proposed new EOP-005-AB-2; and
2. [Blackline](#) and [clean](#) copies of proposed new EOP-005-AB-2.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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Attachments