

September 7, 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 FAC-008-AB-3, Facility Ratings ("new FAC-008-AB-3")**

On March 23, 2017, the AESO issued a [Consultation Letter](#) regarding proposed new FAC-008-AB-3 and requesting market participant comments on the same.

### **AESO Reply to Market Participant Comments**

On April 21, 2017, the AESO posted [written comments](#) received, regarding proposed new FAC-008-AB-3. 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 the proposed new FAC-008-AB-3 in response to comments received, which are reflected in the attached blackline.

### **Forwarding of the Final Proposed New FAC-008-AB-3**

Pursuant to Section 19 of the *Transmission Regulation*, the AESO expects to forward the final proposed new FAC-008-AB-3 to the Alberta Utilities Commission ("AUC" or "Commission") on October 2, 2017, with the AESO's recommendation that the Commission approve final proposed new FAC-008-AB-3 as an Alberta reliability standard.

New FAC-008-AB-3 is proposed to become effective as follows:

- New facilities – on the first day of the month following four (4) full calendar quarters (January 1, April 1, July 1 or October 1) after Commission approval; and
- Existing Facilities – on the first day of the month following eight (8) full calendar quarters (January 1, April 1, July 1 or October 1) after Commission approval.

### **Attachments to AESO Reply Letter**

The following documents are attached:

1. [Market Participant Comments and AESO Replies Matrix](#) on proposed new FAC-008-AB-3; and
2. [Blackline](#) and [clean](#) copies of proposed new FAC-008-AB-3.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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Attachments