

January 26, 2017

To: Market Participants and Other Interested Parties

Re: Alberta Electric System Operator (“AESO”) Reply to Market Participants Comments on Proposed New and Amended Alberta Reliability Standards:

- a) **New Alberta Reliability Standard CIP-SUPP-002-AB, *Cyber Security – Supplemental CIP Alberta Reliability Standard Technical Feasibility Exceptions* (“New CIP-SUPP-002-AB”); and**
- b) **Amended Alberta Reliability Standard CIP-SUPP-001-AB1, *Cyber Security – Supplemental CIP Alberta Reliability Standard* (“Amended CIP-SUPP-001-AB1”)**

On October 18, 2016, the AESO issued a Consultation Letter regarding the proposed New CIP-SUPP-002-AB and Amended CIP-SUPP-001-AB1 and requested market participant comments on the same.

AESO Reply to Market Participant Comments

On November 29, 2016, the AESO posted written comments received regarding the proposed New CIP-SUPP-002-AB and Amended CIP-SUPP-001-AB1. 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 Matrices.

The AESO has made amendments to the proposed New CIP-SUPP-002-AB and Amended CIP-SUPP-001-AB1 in response to comments received, which are reflected in the attached blacklines.

Information Document #2016-005RS, *Technical Feasibility Exceptions* (“ID #2016-005RS”), which provides non-authoritative information relating to the process for requesting a technical feasibility exception in Alberta and sets out the criteria that the AESO will use to evaluate such requests, will be posted on the AESO website on the date the final proposed New CIP-SUPP-002-AB and Amended CIP-SUPP-001-AB1 are forwarded to the Alberta Utilities Commission (“Commission”).

Forwarding of the Final Proposed New CIP-SUPP-002-AB and Amended CIP-SUPP-001-AB1

Pursuant to Section 19 of the *Transmission Regulation*, the AESO expects to forward the final proposed New CIP-SUPP-002-AB and Amended CIP-SUPP-001-AB1 to the Commission on February 13, 2017, with the AESO’s recommendation that the Commission approve the final proposed New CIP-SUPP-002-AB and Amended CIP-SUPP-001-AB1 as Alberta reliability standards.

The AESO recognizes the importance of the final proposed New CIP-SUPP-002-AB and Amended CIP-SUPP-001-AB becoming effective in a timely manner in order to enable the AESO to approve or disapprove technical feasibility exception requests. Therefore, the AESO is recommending the final New CIP-SUPP-002-AB and Amended CIP-SUPP-001-AB1 become effective the day after Commission approval.

Attachments to AESO Reply Letter

The following documents are attached:

1. [Market Participant Comment and AESO Replies Matrix](#) for proposed New CIP-SUPP-002-AB;

2. [Blackline](#) and [clean](#) copies of proposed New CIP-SUPP-002-AB;
3. [Market Participant Comment and AESO Replies Matrix](#) for proposed Amended CIP-SUPP-001-AB1; and
4. [Blackline](#) and [clean](#) copies of proposed Amended CIP-SUPP-001-AB1.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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Attachments