

April 30, 2019

To: Stakeholders and Other Interested Parties

Re: **Alberta Electric System Operator (“AESO”) Reply to Stakeholder Comments**

- 1) **New Alberta Reliability Standard:**
  - a) **Proposed new Alberta Reliability Standard COM-002-AB-4, *Operating Personnel Communication Protocols* (“new COM-002-AB-4”);**
- 2) **Retirement of Existing Alberta Reliability Standards:**
  - a) **Proposed retirement of existing Alberta Reliability Standard COM-002-AB1-2a, *Communications and Coordination* (“existing COM-002-AB1-2a”);**
  - b) **Proposed retirement of existing Alberta Reliability Standard COM-001-AB1-1.1, *Telecommunications* (“existing COM-001-AB1-1.1”); and**
- 3) **Recommendation to Reject for Adoption North American Electric Reliability Corporation (“NERC”) Reliability Standard:**
  - a) **COM-001-3, *Communications* (“NERC COM-001-3”)**

collectively referred to as “COM Standards”

On March 19, 2019, the AESO issued a [Consultation Letter](#) regarding proposed COM Standards and requesting stakeholder comments on the same.

### **AESO Reply to Stakeholder Comments**

On April 5, 2019, the AESO posted written comments received regarding proposed new COM-002-AB-4. 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 *Stakeholder Comment and AESO Replies Matrix*.

### **Forwarding of the Final Proposed COM Standards**

Pursuant to Section 19 of the *Transmission Regulation*, the AESO expects to forward the proposed COM Standards to the Alberta Utilities Commission (“Commission”) in June 2019, with the AESO’s recommendation that the Commission approve the proposed COM Standards as an Alberta reliability standard.

COM Standards are proposed to become effective to align with the proposed new Section 502.17 and proposed amended Section 502.4.

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

The following documents are attached:

1. [Market Participant Comment and AESO Replies Matrix](#) on proposed new COM-002-AB-4; and

2. [Blackline](#) and [clean](#) copies of proposed new COM-002-AB-4.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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Attachments