

August 22, 2017

To: Market Participants and Other Interested Parties

Re: **Letter of Notice – Expedited Amended ISO Rule Definitions Related to the Wind, Solar, AGF and DER Rule Amendments:**

- a) “aggregated generating facility”;
- b) “collector bus”;
- c) “commissioning”;
- d) “governor or governor system”;
- e) “maximum authorized real power”; and
- f) “allowable dispatch variance”.

(collectively, the “Wind, Solar, AGF and DER Definition Amendments”)

Pursuant to Section 14 of Alberta Utilities Commission (“AUC” or “Commission”) Rule 017, the Alberta Electric System Operator (“AESO”) is providing notice regarding the Wind, Solar, AGF and DER Definition Amendments.

Consistent with the AESO’s drafting principles for authoritative documents, the AESO has determined that it is appropriate for defined terms used in the ISO rules to go through the same notification and feedback process as the ISO rules themselves. The Wind, Solar, AGF and DER Definition Amendments will be incorporated into the AESO’s [Consolidated Authoritative Document Glossary](#) (“CADG”).

Background

As a result of the AESO’s Renewable Electricity Program (“REP”), approved by the Government of Alberta on November 3, 2016, the AESO anticipates increased interest in the development of renewable energy projects in Alberta. In order to enable the integration of renewable energy projects into the Alberta interconnected electric system, the AESO has developed and finalized the Wind, Solar, AGF and DER Rule Amendments.

The Request for Proposal (“RFP”) stage of Round 1 of the REP is expected to open on September 15, 2017. As participants in the RFP stage require certainty of the technical and operating requirements applicable to solar and wind aggregated generating facilities, the AESO is expediting the filing of the Wind, Solar, AGF and DER Definition Amendments.

Summary of the Proposed Definitions

The following existing ISO rule definitions have been amended for incorporation into the AESO’s CADG, as shown in the attached blacklines:

- a) “aggregated generating facility”;
- b) “allowable dispatch variance”;
- c) “collector bus”;
- d) “commissioning”;
- e) “governor or governor system”; and

- f) “maximum authorized real power”.

AESO Consultation

On April 7, 2017 the AESO posted a [Letter of Notice](#) on its website requesting written comments from market participants and other interested parties with respect to the Wind, Solar, AGF and DER Definition Amendments, and notified market participants in the AESO Stakeholder Newsletter.

On May 11, 2017 the AESO posted [written comments](#) received, from market participants and other interested parties, in response to the Letter of Notice, on its website and notified market participants in the AESO Stakeholder Newsletter.

On August 22, 2017 the AESO posted its replies to market participant comments, including the final Wind, Solar, AGF and DER Definition Amendments, on its website and notified market participants in the AESO Stakeholder Newsletter. Please see the [AESO Reply to Market Participant Comments Letter](#) for a summary of replies to written comments received, including the rationale or basis for the position of the AESO that explains why certain positions were rejected or accepted.

Effective Date

The AESO intends to file the Wind, Solar, AGF and DER Definition Amendments with the Commission on September 7, 2017.

In accordance with Section 20.6 of the *Electric Utilities Act*, the Wind, Solar, AGF and DER Definition Amendments will become effective in conjunction with the final Wind, Solar, AGF and DER Rule Amendments.

Attachments to Letter of Notice

In accordance with Section 14 of AUC Rule 017, the following documents are attached:

1. [Blackline](#) and [clean](#) copies of the final Wind, Solar, AGF and DER Definition Amendments;
2. April 7, 2017 Letter of Notice;
3. May 11, 2017 Market Participant Comments on Letter of Notice; and
4. August 22, 2017 AESO Reply to Market Participant Comments Letter.

Sincerely,

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Attachments