

October 8, 2019

To: Market Surveillance Administrator, Market Participants and Other Interested Parties

Re: Request for Information regarding Market Power Mitigation

In a letter dated July 25, 2019, the AESO received direction from the Alberta Minister of Energy (the “Minister”) to provide advice regarding market power and market power mitigation by November 29, 2019. Additionally, the AESO was directed to provide analyses and recommendations on whether any changes to the energy-only market are needed, including changes to the price floor/ceiling and shortage pricing, by July 31, 2020. The AESO recognizes that there is a strong linkage between market power mitigation, the price floor/ceiling and shortage pricing, and will consider this connection as it undertakes its work.

In providing its advice to the Minister on this matter, the AESO wishes to ensure that it has considered the perspectives of the Market Surveillance Administrator, market participants and other interested parties (“stakeholders”). The purpose of this request for information is to seek input from stakeholders regarding market power and market power mitigation in the context of Alberta’s energy-only and ancillary services markets.

Request for Information

The AESO requests that stakeholders provide input to the AESO on the questions set out in the attached [Stakeholder Comment Matrix](#) on or before October 29, 2019. Comments should be submitted to stakeholder.relations@aeso.ca. The AESO also requests that stakeholders identify a contact person who will be able to respond to questions and provide clarifications or additional information if required.

The AESO will consider stakeholder input in developing its advice to the Minister, and plans to include a summary of all input received. In certain cases information shared may be attributed to the party providing it. The AESO will release this summary to stakeholders for information. Please note that the AESO does not intend to publish the input received, nor reply to it. However, the AESO will consult with stakeholders on any changes it determines may be required to the energy only market in advance of implementing such changes.

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If you have any questions or concerns regarding how your information will be handled, please contact the Director, Information and Governance Services, 2500, 330 – 5th Ave SW, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 0L4 or by telephone at 403-539-2528.

The AESO thanks all stakeholders in advance for their valued input.

Yours truly,

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