

July 26, 2017

Dear Market Participants and Other Interested Parties:

Re: **Invitation to Participate in Stakeholder Consultation Regarding Mothball Outages**

Background

On June 7, 2016, ISO Rules Section 306.7 Mothball Outage Reporting (“Section 306.7”) became effective. The rule was expedited as an interim measure and the AESO committed to initiating a comprehensive review of the rule with stakeholder engagement.

In 2016, the AESO invited market participants to participate in a series of working sessions to discuss the issue of whether mothball outages would be implemented as a permanent feature in the Alberta market design framework. The first working session took place on July 25, 2016. After the working session, stakeholders provided written comments which were posted on the AESO website on September 20, 2016. The second working session took place on September 23, 2016, with comments posted to the AESO website on November 15, 2016.

On November 23, 2016 the Government of Alberta announced its endorsement of the AESO’s recommendation to transition from an energy only market to a new framework that includes an energy market and a capacity market. The capacity market is targeted to be in place by 2021.

The AESO committed to completing a final comprehensive review and stakeholder consultation of Section 306.7 in 2017. A stakeholder session will be held on September 14, 2017 at the AESO offices (please see further details below). The intent of the working session is to gather final comments and feedback from stakeholders on Section 306.7. The AESO will review stakeholder input and consider any potential updates to the rule thereafter.

Invitation to Attend Working Session

Time: 1:00 - 4:00pm

Date: September 14, 2017

Location: AESO Offices, Main Boardroom
Calgary Place
2500, 330 – 5th Ave SW

RSVP: To register, please provide names and titles of all participants to Tatiana Aparicio-Caris at 403-539-2664 or Tatiana.Aparicio-Caris@aeso.ca by 5:00pm on August 31, 2017.

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Yours truly,

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