

# ISO Rules

## Part 300 System Reliability and Operations

### Division 301 General

#### Section 301.2 ISO Directives



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#### Applicability

- 1 Section 301.2 applies to:
  - (a) An **electricity market participant**; and
  - (b) the **ISO**.

#### Requirements

#### Directives the ISO Issues

- 2(1) The **ISO** may issue a **directive** to an **electricity market participant**, including a **directive** to:
  - (a) increase or decrease the **real power** or **reactive power** output, or both of them, from a facility;
  - (b) increase or decrease the **real power** consumption at a load asset;
  - (c) shut down or start up a facility; and
  - (d) switch **transmission system** elements, alter **planned outage** or maintenance schedules, or load shed.
- (2) The **ISO** may issue a **directive** verbally, electronically or in writing.

#### Requirement to Comply

- 3(1) An **electricity market participant** must comply with a **directive** it receives subject to any other **ISO rule** or **reliability standard** and the exceptions in subsections 3(2) and 3(3).
- (2) An **electricity market participant** that is a **legal owner** of a **generating unit**, an **aggregated generating facility** or a load asset, or an **operator** of a **generating unit**, an **aggregated generating facility** or a load asset, must comply with a **directive** it receives subject to the following exceptions:
  - (a) it considers that a real and substantial risk of damage to its **generating unit** or **aggregated generating facility** or load asset could result if it complied with the **directive**;
  - (b) it considers that a real and substantial risk to the safety of its employees or the public could result if it complied with the **directive**; or
  - (c) it considers that a real and substantial risk of undue injury to the environment could result if it complied with the **directive**.
- (3) An **electricity market participant** that is a **legal owner** of a **transmission facility** or an **operator** of a **transmission facility** must comply with a **directive** it receives, subject to subsection 39(4) of the **Act**.
- (4) An **electricity market participant** that is a **pool participant** must, if the instructions contained in a **directive** it receives require an **operator** to take action, immediately communicate the **directive** to the **operator**.

#### Report Inability to Comply or Communicate

- 4(1) If an **electricity market participant** is unable to comply with a **directive** or is unable to

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communicate it to the **operator**, as applicable, then it must, unless otherwise stipulated in the **directive**, verbally notify the **ISO** of the inability and provide reasons.

**(2)** The **electricity market participant** must provide notice as soon as practical but, unless otherwise stipulated in the **directive**, not later than 5 minutes after determining it is unable to comply with a **directive** or is unable to communicate a **directive** to the **operator**, as applicable.

#### Acknowledging Directives

**5** An **electricity market participant** must acknowledge receipt of a **directive**:

- (a) in the case of an automated message and unless the **electricity market participant** has notified the **ISO** of an unavailability in accordance with subsection 4(1) by responding via the Automated Dispatch and Messaging System within 2 minutes; and
- (b) in the case of a voice **directive**, by repeating the **directive** to the **ISO**.

#### Revision History

Effective	Description
XXXX-XX-XX	Revision to clarify “ <b>market participant</b> ” as “ <b>electricity market participant</b> ” Addition of subsection 5
2014-07-02	Bolded the word “planned” in subsection 2(1)(c).
2012-07-10	Initial release