

September 28, 2016

Dear Stakeholders;

Re: **AESO amended Budget Review Process (BRP) update**

The AESO is temporarily amending our annual Budget Review Process (BRP) cycle to allow additional time for more details on the government's policy initiatives to become available. This provides us with the time needed to consider these details once released and ensure we develop a better informed business plan and related budget.

As a result, we are adjusting the annual BRP as planned. It is our intent to roll forward the AESO's 2016 business initiatives and budgets in order to prepare an interim six-month budget for 2017 (i.e. status-quo January to June month-ending) and a more concise version of the related Business Plan and Budget Proposal. We are committed to implementing a transparent BRP that considers stakeholders' input. We will proceed with consultation on this budget through the submission of written comments in the October/November timeframe. The AESO Board will review stakeholder comments in consideration of its final Board decision in December of this year.

This will be followed shortly after by a more detailed 18-month budget (i.e. July 2017 to December 31, 2018). The subsequent budget will factor in our assessments of policy initiatives and any other relevant considerations and follow a similar BRP process as we have implemented in previous years. We are planning to consult for the subsequent budget in the March to May 2017 timeframe.

Stakeholders can [select here](#) for a copy of the AESO's amended BRP calendar. Please refer to our website and the stakeholder newsletter for more information. If you have any questions or additional information requirements, please do not hesitate to contact me at greg.spence@aeso.ca or 403-539-2532.

Yours truly,

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