

June 27, 2019

To: Market Surveillance Administrator, Market Participants, and Other Interested Parties
("Stakeholders")

Re: **Invitation for Stakeholder Consultation Session on the Development of the Proposed New Section 502.17 of the ISO Rules – Voice Communication System Requirements ("Section 502.17")**

Further to the [Save the Date for Stakeholder Consultation Session on the Development of the Proposed New Section 502.17 of the ISO Rules – Voice Communication System Requirements \("Section 502.17"\)](#) posted on the AESO's website; the AESO is now providing Stakeholders with a deadline for RSVP and a copy of the proposed agenda for the Stakeholder consultation session on July 9, 2019.

Stakeholder Consultation Session Details

The AESO would like to provide Stakeholders with the venue and webinar information for the Stakeholder consultation session as follows:

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Date: July 9, 2019

Location: Meeting Room 6006, 6th floor of the BP Centre located at 240 – 4th Ave SW
Calgary, AB T2P 2H8

Note that the glass doors on the 6th floor are locked. Please knock to attract the receptionist's attention to have them released for you.

RSVP: July 3, 2019. Please indicate if you wish to attend in person or via webinar to rules_comments@aeso.ca.

The AESO is requesting that organizations that intend to send more than one representative prioritize their attendees. The AESO will ensure that at least one representative from each organization is able to attend in-person and will try to accommodate as many additional representatives in-person as possible. However, if space limitations arise, the AESO may require additional representatives to attend via webinar and will advise organizations accordingly.

Webinar Information for Stakeholder Session

To receive a link to the webinar, please [click here](#) and register for the webinar by July 3, 2019.

In accordance with its mandate to operate in the public interest, the AESO will be audio and video recording this session and making the transcribed minutes available to the general public at www.aeso.ca. Video recording will be limited to shared screen presentation slides. The accessibility of these discussions is important to ensure the openness and transparency of this AESO process, and to facilitate the participation of Stakeholders. Participation in this session is completely voluntary and subject to the terms of this notice.

The collection of personal information being collected by the AESO will be used for the purpose of capturing Stakeholder input for the development of proposed new Section 502.17. This information is collected in accordance with Section 33(c) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. 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.

Purpose

The purpose of this consultation session is to review and address specific Stakeholder concerns outlined in the proposed agenda and to provide Stakeholders with an opportunity to ask questions and give feedback, including feedback regarding the information required in subsections 7.2(b) through 7.2(j) of Alberta Utilities Commission Rule 017, *Procedures and Process for Development of ISO Rules and Filing of ISO Rules with the Alberta Utilities Commission*.

Agenda and Draft of the ISO Rule

An agenda for the Stakeholder consultation session has been posted on the AESO website. Stakeholders may propose additions to the agenda by sending an email to rules_comments@aeso.ca on or before July 3, 2019. The AESO will consider and endeavor to accommodate these requests where possible. The agenda is subject to change upon the AESO's review of Stakeholder comments.

The latest draft of proposed new Section 502.17 was posted on the AESO website on March 19, 2019.

Additional Information

The AESO is considering making several revisions to the proposed new Section 502.17 which are listed below. The AESO does not plan on discussing revision items (a) to (d) at the Stakeholder session unless a Stakeholder proposes to add these items to the agenda. Items (e) and (f) will be addressed at the Stakeholder session. The AESO plans on posting the next draft of proposed new Section 502.17 after the Stakeholder session and soliciting written feedback from Stakeholders at that time.

- (a) In subsection 3, change all occurrences of “single point of failure” to “common single point of failure” for added clarity and consistency.
- (b) In subsections 5 and 6, for operators of aggregated generating facilities and generating units with control centres that are remotely controlled, add in a provision to clarify that the primary and backup voice communications system requirements are based on the total amount of generation the control centres remotely control, excluding wind and solar aggregated generating facilities.
- (c) In subsection 8, for operators of radial transmission facilities, add in a provision to clarify that the primary and backup voice communications systems must be available greater than or equal to 95% of the time.
- (d) In subsection 9, for market participants, reduce the required operational time requirement from 72 hours to 48 hours during an extended power outage and clarify that the requirement is for backup voice communication equipment located within the control centre.
- (e) In subsection 8, for the ISO and all market participants, add in clarification regarding voice communication service availability requirements between the ISO and market participants and between market participants.
- (f) In subsection 13, for operators of a transmission facility, add in system architecture requirements.

Related Materials

1. Draft copy of the proposed Stakeholder session agenda.

Sincerely,

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