

Wednesday, September 6, 2023

To: Market Participants and Other Interested Parties

**Re: Closure of the Consultation for Development of Proposed Section 502.11 of the ISO rules, Substation Technical and Operating Requirements**

In 2015, the Alberta Electric System Operator (“AESO”) formed a technical working group (“TWG”) to review the minimum technical requirements for the design, construction, commissioning, and operation of transmission substations. In 2016 the AESO released a discussion paper on which stakeholders provided comment and throughout 2018 and 2019 the AESO engaged stakeholders in a series of in-person sessions to review potential requirements.

In 2019, the review of Section 502.11 was paused due to the prioritization of other AESO initiatives. The AESO revisits its strategic plan and the priority of initiatives related to its strategic plan on an annual basis, taking into account the feedback received in the Budget Development Process.

In consideration of the time that has elapsed since the initiation of the original TWG, the AESO is of the view that initiating a new engagement on substation design and operating requirements would be more efficient than continuing the existing consultation. The AESO appreciates the participation of stakeholders in the consultation process. Accordingly, the AESO will be archiving the existing consultation for reference when a new engagement is launched at a future date.

Yours truly,

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