

June 27, 2022

To: Market Participants and Other Interested Parties (“Stakeholders”)

Re: **Alberta Electric System Operator Reply to Stakeholder Comments – proposed new reliability standards and retirement of existing reliability standards:**

- 1) **Proposed new EOP-005-AB-3, *System Restoration from Blackstart Resources* (“EOP-005-AB-3”);**
- 2) **Proposed new EOP-006-AB-3, *System Restoration Coordination* (“EOP-006-AB-3”);**
- 3) **Proposed retirement of existing EOP-005-AB-2, *System Restoration from Blackstart Resources* (“EOP-005-AB-2”); and**
- 4) **Proposed retirement of existing EOP-006-AB-2, *System Restoration Coordination* (“EOP-006-AB-2”).**

(collectively referred to as the “proposed new reliability standards and retirement of existing reliability standards”)

On May 3, 2022, the Alberta Electric System Operator (“AESO”) issued a consultation letter requesting Stakeholders’ comments on the proposed new reliability standards and retirement of existing reliability standards by May 25, 2022.

AESO Reply to Stakeholder Comments

On May 26, 2022, the AESO posted written comments from Stakeholders on the proposed new reliability standards and retirement of existing reliability standards. The AESO replies to comments, including the rationale or basis for the AESO’s position, are set out in the attached *Stakeholder Comment and AESO Replies Matrix*.

The following amendments were made to proposed new EOP-005-AB-3:

- Requirement R3 of proposed new EOP-005-AB-3 was amended to provide enhanced clarity that the requirement follows receipt of the AESO’s restoration plan, which is updated in accordance with requirement R3 of EOP-006-AB-3. It was determined that extra clarity was needed to better differentiate requirements R3 and R4 of EOP-005-AB-3.
- Requirement R8(e) of proposed new EOP-005-AB-3 was amended to provide enhanced clarity, by removing the wording ‘as applicable’. Upon review, it was determined that this wording is not required as the requirement would apply to all operators of transmission facilities included within the scope of applicability of the proposed new EOP-005-AB-3.
- Measure MR16(a) of proposed new EOP-005-AB-3 was removed to reduce the administrative burden on market participants. It was determined that the documentation listed in Measure MR16(a) can be obtained through the AESO’s internal training records, which the AESO retains in accordance with Measure MR8.1 of proposed new EOP-006-AB-3.

No comments were received from Stakeholders on the content of proposed new EOP-006-AB-3. The AESO made one minor editorial amendment to requirement R5 of proposed new EOP-006-AB-3 to improve clarity.

Forwarding of the Final Proposed New Reliability Standards and Retirement of Existing Reliability Standards

Pursuant to Section 19 of the *Transmission Regulation*, the AESO expects to forward the proposed new reliability standards and retirement of existing reliability standards to the Alberta Utilities Commission (“Commission”) on or after July 12, 2022, with the AESO’s recommendation that the Commission approve proposed new EOP-005-AB-3 and proposed new EOP-006-AB-3 and retire existing EOP-005-AB-2 and existing EOP-006-AB-2.

Based on feedback received from Stakeholders, the AESO will be proposing that proposed new EOP-005-AB-3 and proposed new EOP-006-AB-3 become effective 4 full calendar quarters after AUC approval. The AESO currently anticipates that, if approved, this effective date will be October 1, 2023.

AESO Reply Letter Materials

The following documents are posted on the AESO’s *EOP-005-AB-3*, *EOP-006-AB-3*, *EOP-005-AB-2* & *EOP-006-AB-2* Stakeholder engagement webpage for:

1. *Stakeholder Comment and AESO Replies Matrix* on proposed new reliability standards and retirement of existing reliability standards;
2. Blackline and clean copies of proposed new EOP-005-AB-3; and
3. Blackline and clean copies of proposed new EOP-006-AB-3.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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