

June 17, 2020

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

Re: **Alberta Electric System Operator (“AESO”) Reply to Stakeholder Comments on**

- 1) **Proposed new “radial circuit”;**
- 2) **Proposed new “system access service”;** and
- 3) **Proposed amended “bulk electric system”**

(collectively referred to as “new and amended ARS-related definitions”)

On July 23, 2019, the AESO issued the [Consultation Letter for Proposed New and Amended Alberta Reliability Standard Definitions](#) regarding proposed new and amended ARS-related definitions and requested Stakeholders comments on the same.

AESO Reply to Stakeholder Comments

On August 8, 2019, the AESO posted written comments received regarding proposed new and amended ARS-related definitions. The AESO’s replies to those comments, including the rationale or basis for the AESO’s position, are set out in the attached *Stakeholder Comment and AESO Replies Matrix*.

The AESO has made amendments to the proposed amended “bulk electric system” definition in response to comments received, which are reflected in the attached blackline.

In addition, in response to concerns raised by Stakeholders, the AESO is now contemplating a revision to CIP-002-AB-5.1, *Cyber Security – BES Cyber System Categorization* (“CIP-002-AB-5.1”), which may include adopting the proposed NERC CIP-002-5.1a should it be approved by FERC.

Forwarding of the Final Proposed new and amended ARS-related definitions

Pursuant to Section 19 of the *Transmission Regulation*, the AESO expects to forward the proposed new and amended ARS-related definitions to the Alberta Utilities Commission (“Commission”) by July 6, 2020, with the AESO’s recommendation that the Commission approve proposed new and amended ARS-related definitions.

The new and amended ARS-related definitions are proposed to become effective upon approval by the Commission.

Attachments to AESO Reply Letter

The following documents are attached:

1. [Stakeholder Comment and AESO Replies Matrix](#) on proposed new and amended ARS-related definitions; and
2. [Blackline](#) and [clean](#) copies of proposed new and amended ARS-related definitions.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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Attachments