

May 17, 2021

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

Re: **Alberta Electric System Operator Reply to Stakeholder Comments;**

- a) **Proposed new VAR-002-AB-4.1, *Generator Operation for Maintaining Network Voltages* (“new VAR-002-AB-4.1”), and**
- b) **Retirement of existing VAR-002-AB-3, *Generator Operation for Maintaining Network Voltages* (“existing VAR-002-AB-3”)**

On February 9, 2021 the Alberta Electric System Operator (“AESO”) issued a consultation letter regarding proposed new VAR-002-AB-4.1 and retirement of existing VAR-002-AB-3 and requested Stakeholders comments on the same.

### **AESO Reply to Stakeholder Comments**

On March 3, 2021 the AESO posted written comments received regarding proposed new VAR-002-AB-4.1 and retirement of existing VAR-002-AB-3. The AESO’s replies to comments, including the rationale or basis for the AESO’s position that explains why certain positions were rejected or accepted, are set out in the attached *Stakeholder Comment and AESO Replies Matrix*.

The AESO has made minor revisions to proposed new VAR-002-AB-4.1 in response to comments received, which are reflected in the attached blackline.

### **Forwarding of the Final Proposed New VAR-002-AB-4.1 and Retirement of Existing VAR-002-AB-3**

Pursuant to Section 19 of the *Transmission Regulation*, the AESO expects to forward new VAR-002-AB-4.1 and retirement of existing VAR-002-AB-3 to the Alberta Utilities Commission (“Commission”) on June 1, 2021, with the AESO’s recommendation that the Commission approve proposed new VAR-002-AB-4.1 as a reliability standard.

New VAR-002-AB-4.1 is proposed to become effective upon approval by the Commission. Retirement of existing VAR-002-AB-3 is proposed to become effective midnight the day before proposed new VAR-002-AB-3 becomes effective.

### **Related Material**

The following documents are available on the [Stakeholder Engagement](#) page on the AESO website:

1. *Stakeholder Comment and AESO Replies Matrix* on proposed New VAR-002-AB-4.1;
2. Blackline and clean copies of proposed New VAR-002-AB-4.1;
3. Copy of existing VAR-002-AB-3.

If you have any questions, please contact [ars\\_comments@aeso.ca](mailto:ars_comments@aeso.ca).

Sincerely,

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