

To: Market Participants
Date: Thursday, April 9, 2020
Subject: Postpone Bulk and Regional Tariff Design Stakeholder Engagement Work

The AESO's top priority is the safety and wellbeing of our employees and stakeholders and maintaining reliable grid and market operations throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and always.

We recognize this crisis is impacting all our stakeholders in various ways as organizations manage through these challenging times. In recognition of these newly added pressures and urgent shifts in focus across the electricity industry, we have decided to postpone for 90 days all portions of the Bulk and Regional Tariff Design stakeholder engagement work until July 15, 2020. We plan to re-evaluate at that time to determine next steps and whether a continued delay is prudent.

We are committed to upholding the principles set out in our [Stakeholder Engagement Framework](#). With the complexities involved in developing a robust application for rate design we did not believe this was an appropriate time to ask for stakeholders' attention on this significant topic. We note that while we pause this initiative engagement to limit impacts to loads already under a tremendous amount of stress, we will be progressing other engagement initiatives as requested by our stakeholders.

We will notify the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) of this change as well as the delay in the Sept. 30 filing date by April 15, 2020 as part of the 2018 General Tariff Application compliance filing proceeding.

We continue to monitor the current COVID-19 situation closely and further adjustments to stakeholder engagements may be required. Please monitor our stakeholder newsletter for updates to individual initiative engagements. All in-person stakeholder engagement sessions are suspended until at least April 30, 2020.

Thank you for your understanding and flexibility as we and our industry stakeholders manage through the COVID-19 pandemic. We will keep you informed as we know more.

Please direct any questions to tariffdesign@ieso.ca.