

August 10th, 2017

Ms. Elizabeth Moore Director, Procurement **Alberta Electric System Operator** 2500, 330 - 5th Avenue SW Calgary, AB T2P 0L4

## Subject: First Renewable Electricity Program Request for Qualifications - Fairness Attestation

Dear Ms. Moore:

P1 Consulting has been engaged by the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) to act as the Fairness Advisor to review and monitor the communications, evaluations and decision-making processes associated with the competitive process for the **First Competition of the Renewable Electricity Program ("REP Round 1") Request for Qualifications ("RFQ")** in order to ensure that it is conducted in a fair and transparent manner. In our role as Fairness Monitor, P1 Consulting made certain that the following steps were taken to ensure a fair and transparent process:

- Clarity of the procurement documentation and process;
- Adherence to confidentiality including protocols related to the Respondents' submissions and proposals;
- Adherence with the approved evaluation process;
- Objectivity and diligence during the procurement process;
- Proper definition and use of evaluation procedures and assessment tools in order to ensure that the process was unbiased;
- Compliance of REP participants with strict requirements to avoid conflict of interest and to protect confidentiality during the procurement and evaluation processes;
- Application of a fair and consistent approach related to conflict of interest amongst evaluation participants; and
- Oversight to provide a process where all Respondents were treated fairly.

P1 Consulting as Fairness Monitor actively participated in the following to ensure that fairness was maintained throughout:

- Review of the draft and final procurement documents;
- Attendance during the Respondent Meetings;
- Review of the RFQ, Addenda, Requests for Information and Requests for Clarification;
- Review of evaluation process and guideline documents;
- Review the submission receipt process; and
- Observe the evaluation consensus sessions and related evaluation meetings.

As the Fairness Advisor for the **First Competition of the Renewable Electricity Program**, we certify that the principles of fairness, transparency and consistency have, in our opinion, been maintained. Furthermore, at the time of this letter being issues, no issues emerged during the process, of which we were aware, that would impair the fairness of this initiative.

Yours truly,

Louise Panneton Fairness Advisor

