

November 24, 2009

To: Market Participants and other interested parties

## Re: South Area Transmission Reinforcement (SATR) Milestones

On October 9, 2009, the AESO released a recommendation paper entitled "AESO Recommendation Paper Milestones and Related Process Steps for Southern Alberta Transmission System Reinforcement" in relation to AUC Decision 2009-U2009-340. This paper can be viewed on the AESO website by clicking <a href="here">here</a>. The AESO would like to thank industry participants for their input on the refined milestones to be used in this transmission needs process. Comments received on our paper are posted at on the AESO website and can be viewed by clicking <a href="here">here</a>.

The attached <u>comment matrix</u> includes AESO's responses to industry comments received as part of this consultation process. As per the project plan outlined both in the recommendation paper and at an industry stakeholder session, the AESO intends to use the results of this consultation to finalize the milestones and related process steps for use in the SATR Need Identification Document (NID) process.

The finalized "Milestones and Related Process Steps" document will be filed with the AUC shortly including minor changes from the original draft document included in the October 9, 2009 paper. The changes reflect industry feedback related to requests for clarity of monitoring and reporting efforts. The AESO anticipates filing the final milestones with the AUC in early December and will inform stakeholders through our weekly stakeholder newsletter.

Should you have any questions about the responses to the industry comments or this process, please call Bill Strongman at 403-539-2697 or Cheryl Terry at 403-539-2836.

Sincerely,

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