

November 2, 2021

To: The Market Surveillance Administrator, Market Participants and Other Interested Parties
("Stakeholders")

**Re: Invitation for Stakeholder Consultation Session on the Operating Reserve Market Review
("Operating Reserve Market Review")**

The Alberta Electric System Operator ("AESO") is providing notice regarding an upcoming Stakeholder consultation session on the Operating Reserve Market Review.

Purpose

This consultation session will provide Stakeholders with an introduction to the Operating Reserve Market Review initiative, including the purpose, scope, and an initial list of market design elements under consideration. This session will give Stakeholders an opportunity to ask questions and give feedback on the proposed scope and consultation process.

Stakeholder Consultation Session Details

The Stakeholder consultation session will be a virtual session using Zoom. The AESO would like to provide Stakeholders with the registration information for the Stakeholder consultation session as follows:

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Date: **November 30, 2021**

RSVP details: You must pre-register to participate in the Stakeholder session and can do so by clicking the secure link [here](#).

Registration: After clicking the registration link above, enter your first and last name, organization, and your email address.

To make it easier to identify you when raising your hand or submitting a question during the session, please enter your company name prior to your first name in the First Name text box (e.g., **AESO Jane** or **XYZ Company Joe**) when registering. You will then receive a confirmation email with a unique webinar link to join the Stakeholder session. There will be an option to download an Outlook invitation to your calendar.

If you have questions or issues with registering, please email rules_comments@aeso.ca.

Agenda

The draft agenda for the Stakeholder consultation session will be posted two weeks prior to the session for Stakeholders to comment and propose additions to the agenda. The AESO will consider and endeavor to accommodate these requests where possible. The agenda is subject to change upon the AESO's review of Stakeholder comments. The AESO will post the final agenda and related material on the AESO website one week prior to the session.

Using Zoom for Stakeholder Engagement Sessions

The AESO is fully aware of the security and privacy concerns surrounding Zoom. To mitigate the risks identified, the AESO applied recommendations from top security agencies including using the most recent commercial version of Zoom, which incorporates the latest security fixes and requires both registration

and passwords for sessions. The AESO has also integrated additional security features to protect the sessions against potential vulnerabilities.

COVID-19 update

The AESO's top priorities are the health and well-being of our employees and Stakeholders, and continuing to meet the electricity needs of all Albertans. As such, all business meetings with external Stakeholders will be via phone or webinar indefinitely (this includes Stakeholder engagement sessions). AESO staff are not permitted to attend in-person meetings at other organizations and are not allowed to host in-person meetings at the AESO. We will continue to monitor developments and provide updates to our Stakeholders as necessary. We appreciate your understanding and flexibility.

Additional Information about the Session

In accordance with its mandate to operate in the public interest, the AESO will be audio recording this Stakeholder session and making minutes of the session available to the general public at www.aeso.ca. The accessibility of the session is important to ensure openness and transparency and to facilitate the participation of Stakeholders. Participation in this session is completely voluntary and subject to the terms of this notice.

The collection of personal information by the AESO for this session will be used for the purpose of capturing Stakeholder input for the Operating Reserve Market Review. This information is collected in accordance with Section 33(c) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. If you have any questions or concerns regarding how your information will be handled, please contact the Director, Information and Governance Services, 2500, 330 – 5th Ave SW, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 0L4, by telephone at 403-539-2528, or by email at privacy@aesoc.ca.

Sincerely,

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