

March 10, 2023

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

Re: **Closure of the Consultation for Development of Proposed Amended Section 502.2 of the ISO rules, *Bulk Transmission Line Technical Requirements* ("Section 502.2")**

In 2014, the Alberta Electric System Operator ("AESO") formed a technical working group ("TWG") to review the minimum requirements for the design, construction and operation of bulk transmission lines. The TWG met multiple times between 2014 and 2018 to clarify requirements in Section 502.2 and explore opportunities to reduce transmission facility costs.

In 2019, the review of Section 502.2 was paused as a result of other AESO initiatives. Considering the amount of time that has elapsed since the initiation of the original TWG, the AESO is of the view that initiating a fresh engagement on bulk transmission line technical requirements would be more efficient than continuing with the existing consultation. Accordingly, the AESO will be archiving the existing consultation and launching a new engagement in Spring 2023.

Please contact the undersigned with any comments or questions.

Sincerely,

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