

# Information Document

## FAC-003-AB1-1 Guidance Information

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#### 1 Purpose

This Information Document relates to the following Authoritative Document:

- Alberta Reliability Standard FAC-003-AB1-1, *Transmission Vegetation Management Program* ("FAC-003-AB1-1").

The purpose of this Information Document is to provide guidance information to assist market participants in preparing a Transmission Vegetation Management Program (TVMP), the Transmission Vegetation Management Annual Plan (TVMAP) and reporting changes and events in accordance with FAC-003-AB1-1.

#### 2 TVMP and TVMAP Templates

Requirement R1.1 specifies the TVMP must define a schedule for and the type (aerial or ground) of right-of-way (ROW) vegetation inspections, whereas requirement R2 specifies an annual plan for vegetation management work plan (such as manual or mechanical clearing, and herbicide treatment) which is referred to TVMAP.

The templates for completing the TVMP and the TVMAP, as referenced in MR1 and MR2 of FAC-003-AB1-1, are available on the AESO website:

- The [Management Program Template](#) is the template for the TVMP.
- The [Management Program Template Instructions](#).
- The [Management Plan Template](#) is the template for TVMAP.

The AESO recommends treating and submitting the plans separately as the objectives, practices, approved procedures, and work specifications are different for R1 and R2 of FAC-003-AB1-1.

#### 3 Changes to TVMP

Requirement R1 specifies that the TVMP program is to be updated at least annually and Requirement R1.1 specifies that the schedule for the type of inspections must be flexible enough to adjust for changing conditions.

If details in the TVMP change, the AESO expects that these changes are documented, preferably in a revised TVMP, as soon as the changes are identified.

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<sup>1</sup> "Authoritative Documents" is the general name given by the AESO to categories of documents made by the AESO under the authority of the *Electric Utilities Act* and associated regulations, and that contain binding legal requirements for either market participants or the AESO, or both. AESO Authoritative Documents include: the ISO rules, the Alberta reliability standards, and the ISO tariff.

#### 4 Changes to TVMAP

When a change to the vegetation management plan as specified in TVMAP occurs due to uncontrollable circumstances such as environmental factors, outage constraints or safety concerns, the AESO expects that the changes are documented as they occur, preferably in a revised TVMAP, including the reasons for the change, measures to mitigate the impact and the proposed schedule.

#### 5 Quarterly Reporting for R3

Where a reportable event occurs as per R3, the legal owner of the transmission facility may use the [Quarterly Outage Report Template](#) to report the event to the AESO.

Should no reportable events have occurred in the past quarter, the AESO expects that the legal owner of a transmission facility to submit an e-mail stating that no such outages occurred in such quarter on a quarterly basis by the 10th day of the following month (Q1 – April 10, Q2 – July 10, Q3 – October 10, Q4 – January 10).

Event reports and confirmation e-mails of no events occurring within a quarter should be sent to both the following email addresses:

[rscompliance@aeso.ca](mailto:rscompliance@aeso.ca)

[ars@aeso.ca](mailto:ars@aeso.ca)

#### Revision History

Posting Date	Description of Changes
2019-04-02	Initial release