

#### **Technical Meeting on Loss Factor Activities**

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#### **Topics**



- Overview of 2019 loss factor calculation results
- Comparison of 2019 loss factors with 2018 loss factors
- Findings from investigation of volume discrepancies in loss factor calculations
- Status update on 2020 loss factor calculations
- Status update for Module C loss factor calculations
- Review of schedule for loss factor activities posted on AESO website

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#### **AESO** published corrected 2019 loss factors on July 16, 2019



- Due to unanticipated issues while preparing input data and updating software for 2019 loss factor calculations, AESO was unable to publish 2019 loss factors until June 27, 2019
  - AESO requested forbearance from the Market Surveillance Administrator (MSA) in respect of any related non-compliance with section 501.10 of the ISO rules, Transmission Loss Factors ("Loss Factor Rule")
- AESO subsequently identified data misalignment resulting from certain files reflecting daylight saving time while all other files reflected standard time
  - Misalignment was identified while examining data in response to questions from the City of Medicine Hat
- AESO recalculated and posted corrected 2019 loss factors on July 16, 2019

### AESO published corrected 2019 loss factors on July 16, 2019 (cont'd)



- 2019 loss factors will be effective January 1, 2019
- Related information was posted with loss factors
  - Hourly merit order data for 2019 loss factors
  - Sample of hourly load data for 2019 loss factors
  - Process for requesting access to system topologies
  - Procedure to determine transmission system losses for loss factor calculations
  - Software and scripts used to calculate hourly raw loss factors
  - Workbook showing calculations for 2019 loss factors
- 2019 average loss factor for transmission system is 2.75%
  - 2018 average loss factor was 3.61%

#### 2019 loss factors will be implemented in August 2019 billing cycle



- In August 2019 billing cycle, 2019 loss factors will be applied to:
  - July 2019 initial settlement
  - May 2019 interim settlement
  - March 2019 final settlement
- In September 2019 billing cycle, 2019 loss factors will be applied to:
  - August 2019 initial settlement
  - June 2019 interim settlement
  - April 2019 final settlement
- AESO is considering options for billing adjustments for January and February 2019

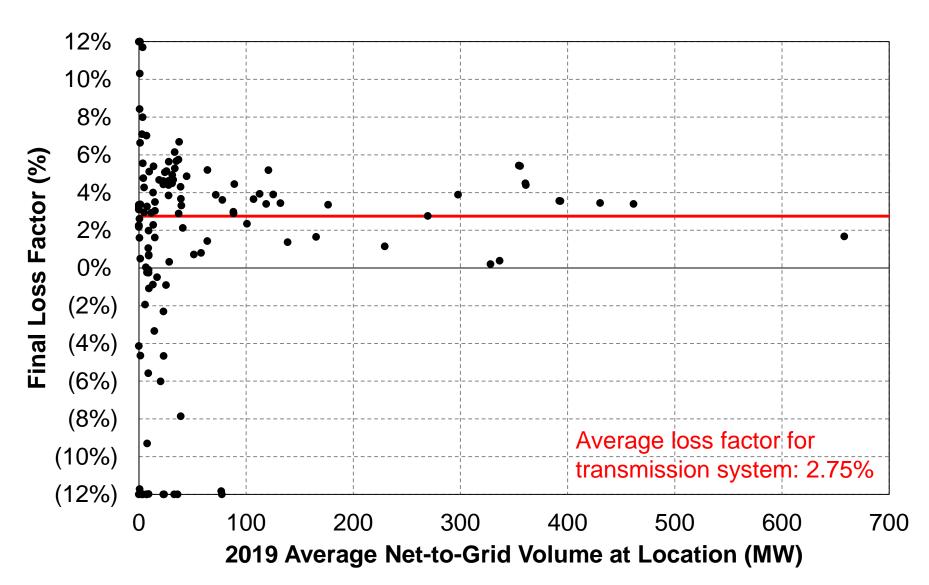
### 2019 loss factors were calculated using applied-for rule amendments



- 2019 loss factors were calculated based on applied-for amendments to Loss Factor Rule currently before Alberta Utilities Commission in Proceeding 24637
- Historical volumes were increased or decreased in proportion to change in maximum capability or contract capacity, as appropriate, of source asset and to change in contract capacity of sink asset
- Net demand was reduced before net supply offer block was dispatched to balance system when calculating hourly loss factors
- All locations were excluded in an hour in which losses could not be calculated for a single location

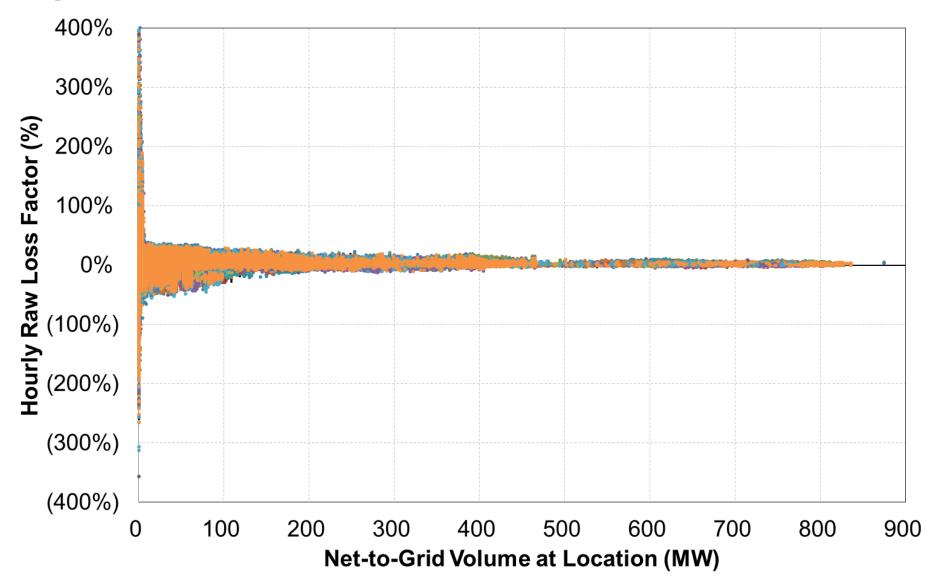
# Annual loss factors continue to show greater dispersion for smaller volumes





### Hourly raw loss factors continue to show high dispersion for small volumes





#### 2.7% of hours were excluded due to insufficient source assets



- 8,760 simulations were attempted for calculation of losses in initial state
- No hours were excluded due to missing data
- 21 hours (0.2%) could not solve due to insufficient source assets to balance load in initial state
- 214 hours (2.4%) could not solve due to insufficient source assets to balance load in redispatched state
  - Hour is excluded for all assets if any simulation in hour fails to solve due to insufficient source assets
- Total of 235 hours (2.7%) were excluded due to insufficient source assets to balance load

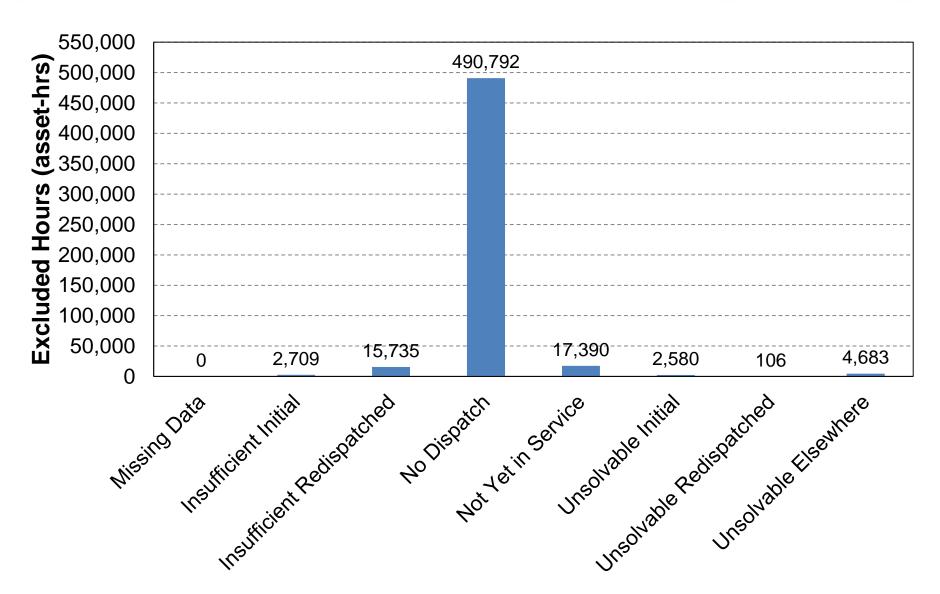
### Exclusions due to insufficient assets are attributed to retirements and mothballing



- Sundance Unit 1 (280 MW) retired as of January 2018
- Sundance Unit 2 (280 MW) mothballed to July 2018 and retired as of August 2018
- Sundance Unit 3 (368 MW) and Unit 5 (406 MW) mothballed as of April 2018
- H. R. Milner (144 MW) mothballed from August 2017 to May 2018

#### Few unsolvable hours occurred in 2019





# About 53% of all hours and locations had dispatch and sufficient assets to solve



| Hours (×129)              | Jan      | Feb      | Mar      | Apr      | May      | Jun      | Jul      | Aug      | Sep      | Oct      | Nov      | Dec      | Annual    |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Total hours               | 95,976   | 86,688   | 95,847   | 92,880   | 95,976   | 92,880   | 95,976   | 95,976   | 92,880   | 95,976   | 93,009   | 95,976   | 1,130,040 |
| Insufficient initial      | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | (129)    | (129)    | (2,451)  | 0        | 0        | 0        | (2,709)   |
| Insufficient redispatched | (245)    | (264)    | (1,110)  | (2,464)  | (905)    | (1,373)  | (1,983)  | (307)    | (2,683)  | (2,768)  | (1,360)  | (273)    | (15,735)  |
| No dispatch               | (41,719) | (37,873) | (40,081) | (41,155) | (40,196) | (40,338) | (41,074) | (42,896) | (40,476) | (42,225) | (41,083) | (41,676) | (490,792) |
| Not yet in<br>service     | (3,720)  | (2,664)  | (2,972)  | (2,880)  | (2,972)  | (1,438)  | (743)    | (1)      | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | (17,390)  |
| Potential hours           | 50,292   | 45,887   | 51,684   | 46,381   | 51,903   | 49,731   | 52,047   | 52,643   | 47,270   | 50,983   | 50,566   | 54,027   | 603,414   |

| Percentages               | Jan     | Feb     | Mar     | Apr     | May     | Jun     | Jul     | Aug     | Sep     | Oct     | Nov     | Dec     | Annual  |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total hours               | 100.0%  | 100.0%  | 100.0%  | 100.0%  | 100.0%  | 100.0%  | 100.0%  | 100.0%  | 100.0%  | 100.0%  | 100.0%  | 100.0%  | 100.0%  |
| Insufficient<br>initial   | 0.0%    | 0.0%    | 0.0%    | 0.0%    | 0.0%    | 0.0%    | (0.1%)  | (0.1%)  | (2.6%)  | 0.0%    | 0.0%    | 0.0%    | (0.2%)  |
| Insufficient redispatched | (0.3%)  | (0.3%)  | (1.2%)  | (2.7%)  | (0.9%)  | (1.5%)  | (2.1%)  | (0.3%)  | (2.9%)  | (2.9%)  | (1.5%)  | (0.3%)  | (1.4%)  |
| No dispatch               | (43.5%) | (43.7%) | (41.8%) | (44.3%) | (41.9%) | (43.4%) | (42.8%) | (44.7%) | (43.6%) | (44.0%) | (44.2%) | (43.4%) | (43.4%) |
| Not yet in service        | (3.9%)  | (3.1%)  | (3.1%)  | (3.1%)  | (3.1%)  | (1.5%)  | (0.8%)  | (0.0%)  | 0.0%    | 0.0%    | 0.0%    | 0.0%    | (1.5%)  |
| Potential hours           | 52.4%   | 52.9%   | 53.9%   | 49.9%   | 54.1%   | 53.5%   | 54.2%   | 54.9%   | 50.9%   | 53.1%   | 54.4%   | 56.3%   | 53.4%   |

#### Over 99% of potential hours solved, with about 1% more excluded in same hours

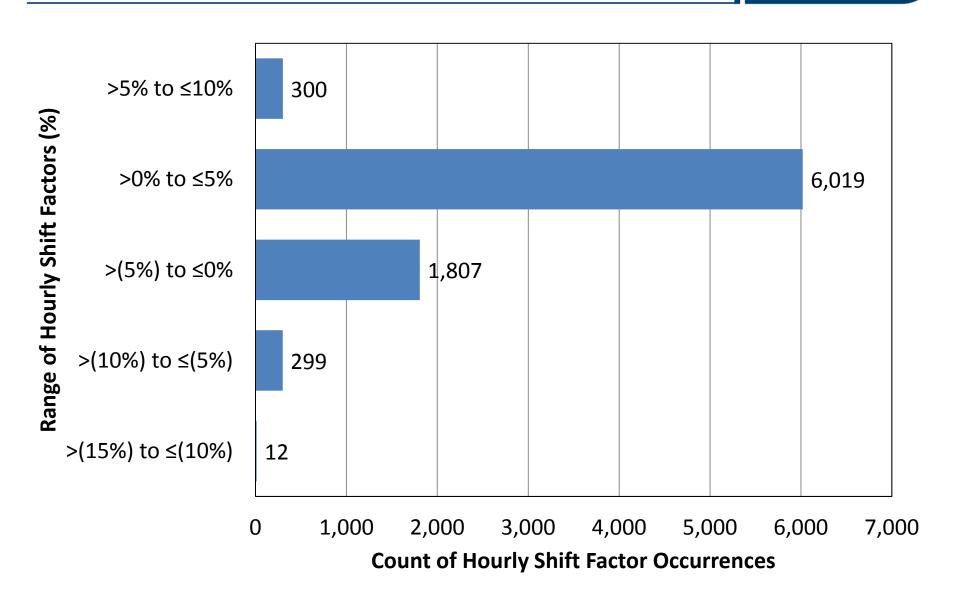


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| Potential hours       | 50,292  | 45,887 | 51,684 | 46,381 | 51,903 | 49,731 | 52,047 | 52,643 | 47,270 | 50,983  | 50,566 | 54,027 | 603,414 |
| Unsolved initial      | 0       | (774)  | 0      | 0      | (129)  | (258)  | (129)  | 0      | (258)  | (129)   | (387)  | (516)  | (2,580) |
| Unsolved redispatched | (45)    | (1)    | (3)    | (2)    | (18)   | (1)    | (1)    | (1)    | (5)    | (23)    | 0      | (6)    | (106)   |
| Unsolved elsewhere    | (1,851) | (65)   | (141)  | (132)  | (557)  | (78)   | (73)   | (60)   | (218)  | (1,157) | 0      | (351)  | (4,683) |
| Solved hours          | 48,396  | 45,047 | 51,540 | 46,247 | 51,199 | 49,394 | 51,844 | 52,582 | 46,789 | 49,674  | 50,179 | 53,154 | 596,045 |

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|-----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Potential hours       | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |
| Unsolved initial      | 0.0%   | (1.7%) | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | (0.2%) | (0.5%) | (0.2%) | 0.0%   | (0.5%) | (0.3%) | (0.8%) | (1.0%) | (0.4%) |
| Unsolved redispatched | (0.1%) | (0.0%) | (0.0%) | (0.0%) | (0.0%) | (0.0%) | (0.0%) | (0.0%) | (0.0%) | (0.0%) | 0.0%   | (0.0%) | (0.0%) |
| Unsolved elsewhere    | (3.7%) | (0.1%) | (0.3%) | (0.3%) | (1.1%) | (0.2%) | (0.1%) | (0.1%) | (0.5%) | (2.3%) | 0.0%   | (0.6%) | (0.8%) |
| Solved hours          | 96.2%  | 98.2%  | 99.7%  | 99.7%  | 98.6%  | 99.3%  | 99.6%  | 99.9%  | 99.0%  | 97.4%  | 99.2%  | 98.4%  | 98.8%  |

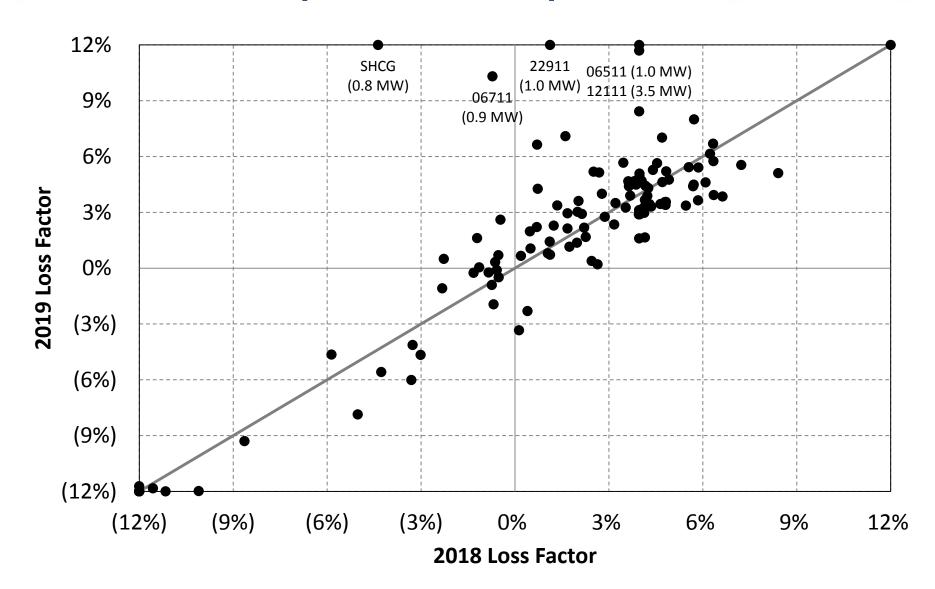
#### Over 92% of hourly shift factors were within ±5% of zero





### 2019 loss factors vary from 2018 loss factors due to implementation updates





# Seven implementation issues have been resolved through software revision



- 1. Incorrect modelling of net-to-grid loads when on-site generation is offered on a gross basis
  - Resolution: Hold gross load (not net-to-grid load) constant when moving from two-year-prior data to forecast loss factor year
- Incorrect approach to calculating hourly raw loss factors for imports
  - Resolution: Reduce only imports (not net flow) on intertie when calculating hourly raw loss factors for imports
- 3. Incorrect dispatch of exports within PSS/E simulation
  - Resolution: Dispatch scheduled exports whenever load and losses can be balanced without curtailing exports

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#### 4. Incorrect modelling of self-supply sites

- Resolution: Correct modelling of five sites to reflect energy market merit order offers on a gross basis (rather than on a net-to-grid basis)
- Offer basis information has been added to Master Loss Factor Location List workbook posted on AESO website

#### 5. Disconnecting generators when undispatched

- Resolution: Initialization leaves all available generators connected
- Exception: If generating facility submits gross offers in energy market and has no offer blocks in merit order, then generators is assumed unavailable and is disconnected

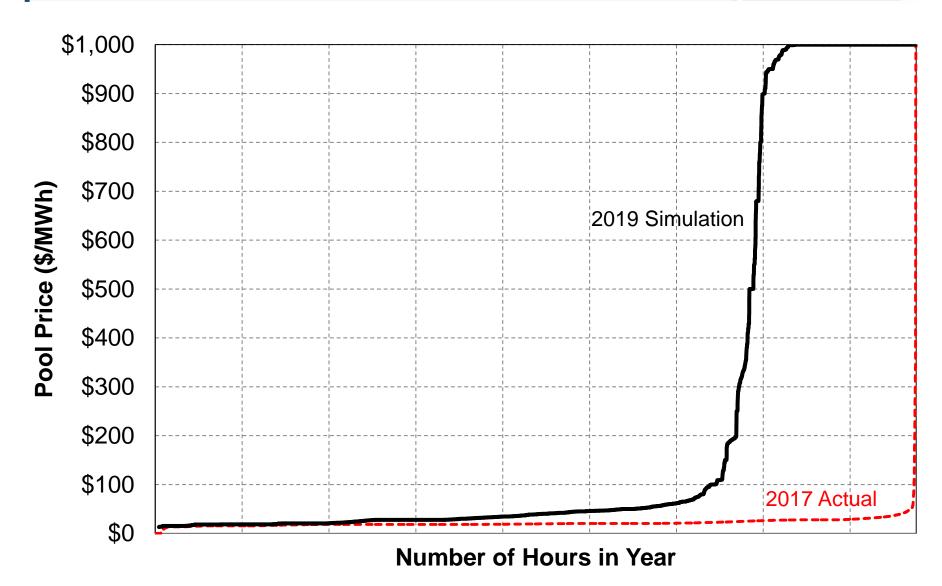
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- 6. Assuming load was zero when net-to-grid offers not dispatched at self-supply sites
  - Resolution: Use load data if net-to-grid generator is not dispatched
- 7. Dispatching net-to-grid offers when net-to-grid load exists at self-supply sites
  - Resolution: Reduce net-to-grid load to enable dispatch of netto-grid offer

### Validation of software revisions was not practical with 2019 simulation





### Validation using 2016 simulation is being completed



- AESO is preparing a report describing implementation issues and their resolution
- AESO will also provide validation information based on 2016 loss factor calculations

# Initial preparation of input data has been completed for 2020 loss factor process



- 2020 loss factors will be calculated based on applied-for amendments to Loss Factor Rule
- Master loss factor location list for 2020 has been prepared
- System topologies have been prepared
- Merit order data for 2020 has been prepared
  - Adjustment of historical volumes to be provided for review to owner of assets returning from extended outage
- Load data has been prepared
- 2020 loss factors are on track to be published by October 1

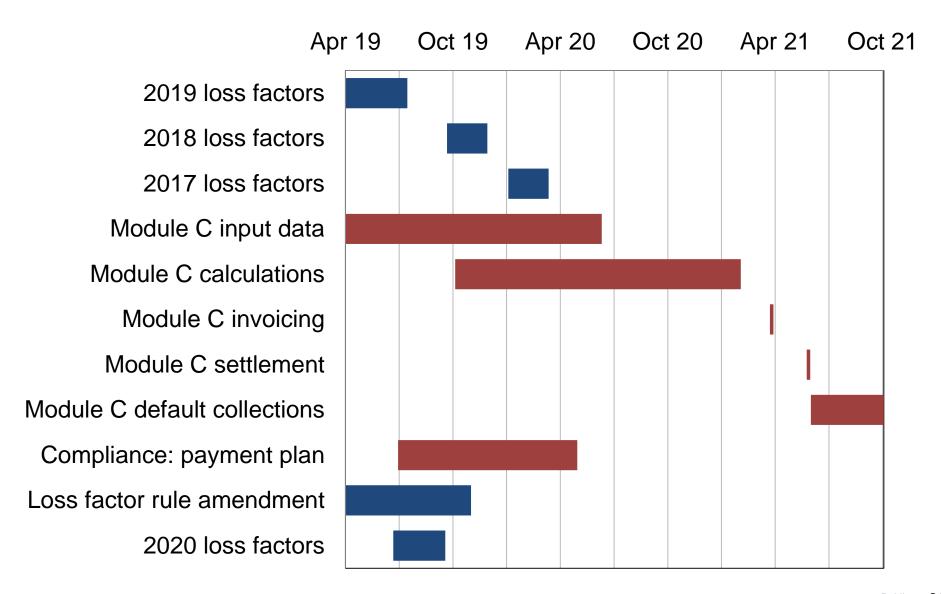
### Module C loss factor activities were paused during implementation updates



- 2016 loss factors have been recalculated as part of validation process
- Work on loss factors for 2015 and earlier years will be restarted after calculation of 2020 loss factors
- Preparation of additional input data was paused during implementation investigation and software revisions
  - System topologies complete back to 2012
  - Merit order data complete back to 2009
  - Load data complete back to 2012
- Payment plan compliance filing will be submitted to Commission in Q4 of this year

#### AESO posted updated schedule of loss factor activities on June 3, 2019





#### **Questions and discussion**



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  - Grid ➤ Loss factors
    2019 loss factors
  - Grid ► Loss factors ► Stakeholder engagement
  - Grid ► Loss factors ► Loss factors recalculation for 2006-2016



