

# **Technical Meeting on Loss Factor Activities**

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AESO Engineering, Project Management & Technology

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    hit \*6.

#### **AESO Stakeholder Engagement Framework**





#### Stakeholder participation



- The participation of everyone here is critical to the engagement process. To ensure everyone has the opportunity to participate, we ask you to:
  - Listen to understand others' perspectives
  - Disagree respectfully
  - Balance airtime fairly
  - Keep an open mind

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#### **Topics**



- Introduction
- Overview of loss factor recalculation results for each year from 2009 to 2006
- Overview of loss charge adjustments resulting from 2009 to 2006 loss factor recalculations
- Status update on settlement of loss charge adjustments
- Discussion of remaining Module C settlement process
- Status update on other loss factor activities
- Questions and discussion

Ask questions to clarify information during presentation

#### Purpose of this meeting



- The purpose of the meeting is to provide information on the recalculated loss factors recently published by the AESO for 2009, 2008, 2007, and 2006 and the resulting adjustments that will be charged or refunded, as determined in accordance with Decision 790-D07-2019 of the Alberta Utilities Commission in Module C of Proceeding 790
- Some information on other loss factor activities will also be provided

#### **AESO** meeting representatives



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- Ena Gibbons, Senior Credit & Settlement Analyst
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#### Stantec meeting representative

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#### Participant attendees at meeting



- Balancing Pool
- Capital Power
- City of Medicine Hat
- DePal Consulting Limited
- Dow Canada
- ENMAX Corporation
- Heartland Generation Ltd.
- Lionstooth Energy
- Milner Power Inc.
- PGSC
- Powerex
- Suncor Energy Inc.

- TC Energy (TransCanada)
- TransAlta Corporation

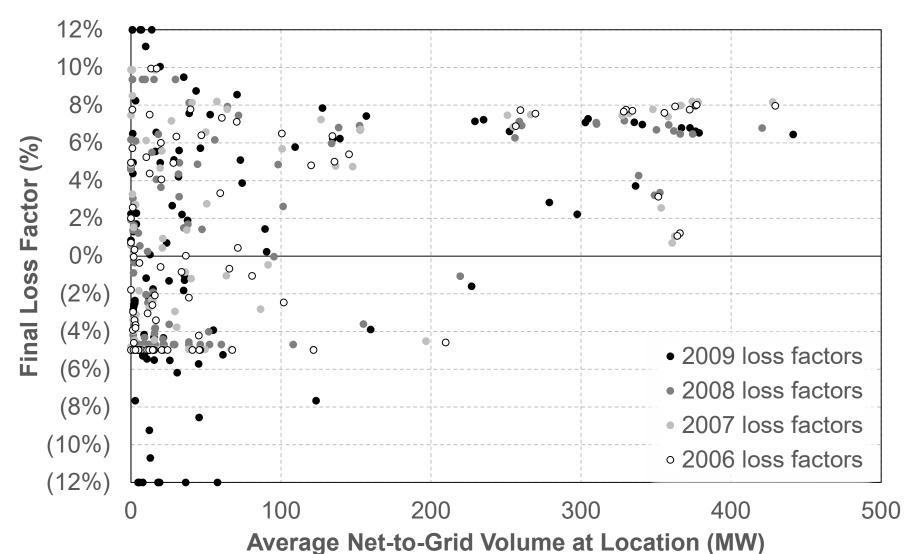
### **AESO** published 2009, 2008, 2007, and 2006 loss factors on Dec 9 – Jan 29



- Loss factors were calculated in accordance with Modified Module B methodology approved in Decision 790-D07-2019 on the AESO Module C methodology compliance filing
- Related information was posted with loss factors
  - Hourly merit order data
  - Sample of hourly load data
  - Process for requesting access to system topologies
  - Updated procedure to determine transmission system losses for loss factor calculations
  - Software and scripts used to calculate hourly raw loss factors
  - Workbook showing calculations for loss factors
- Base case suites are also available with solved initial state base cases for 144-hour sample of hourly load data

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

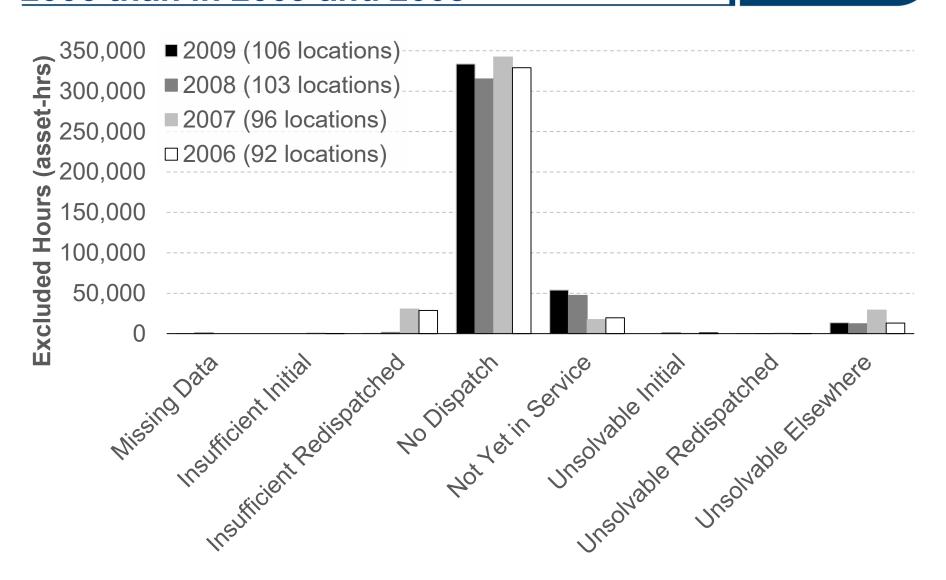




Note: Loss factor limits in 2008-2006 were −1× and +2× average loss factor

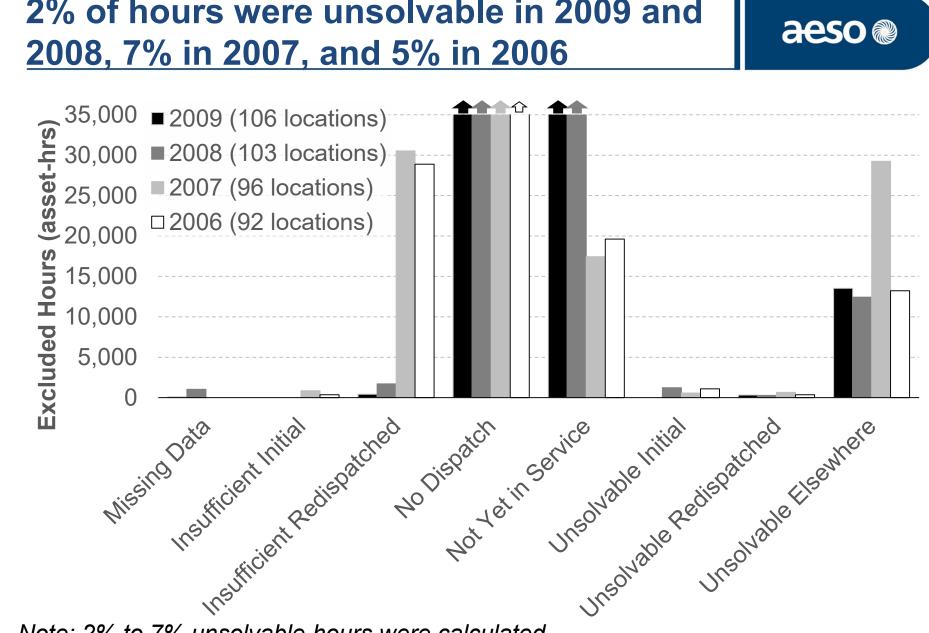
### More hours were excluded in 2007 and 2006 than in 2009 and 2008





#### 2% of hours were unsolvable in 2009 and 2008, 7% in 2007, and 5% in 2006

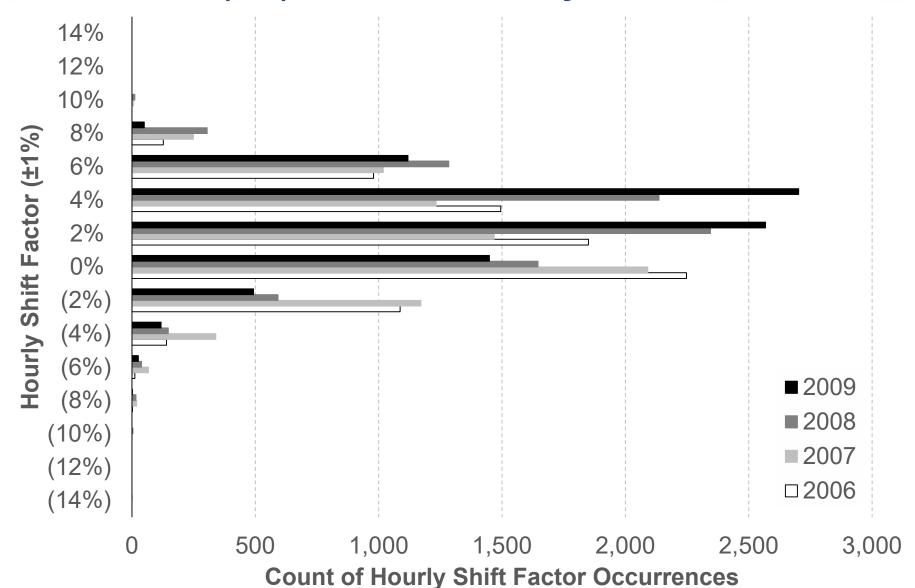




Note: 2% to 7% unsolvable hours were calculated excluding "no dispatch" and "not yet in service" hours

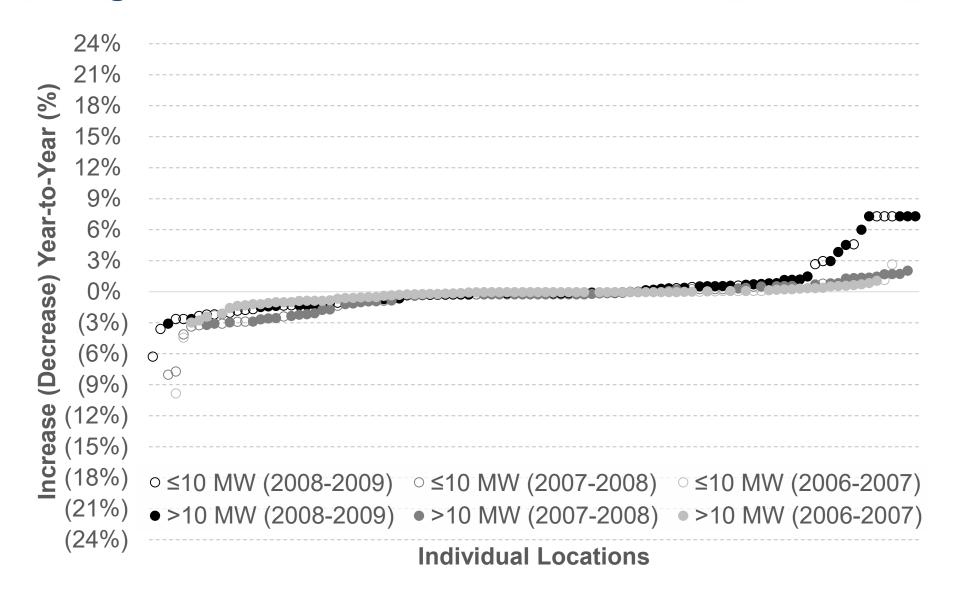
### From 91% to 98% of hourly shift factors are between (2%) and 6% in each year





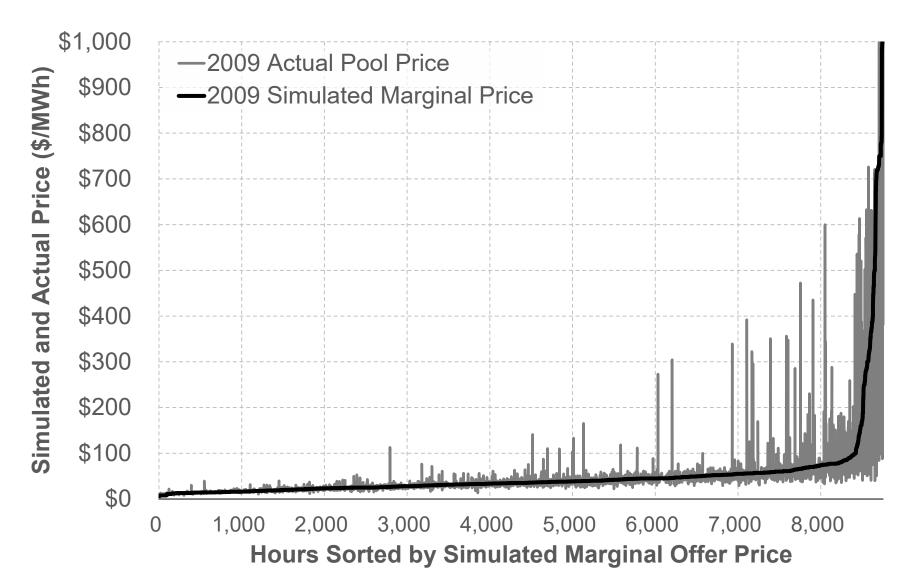
## Over 90% of year-to-year loss factor changes are within ±3%





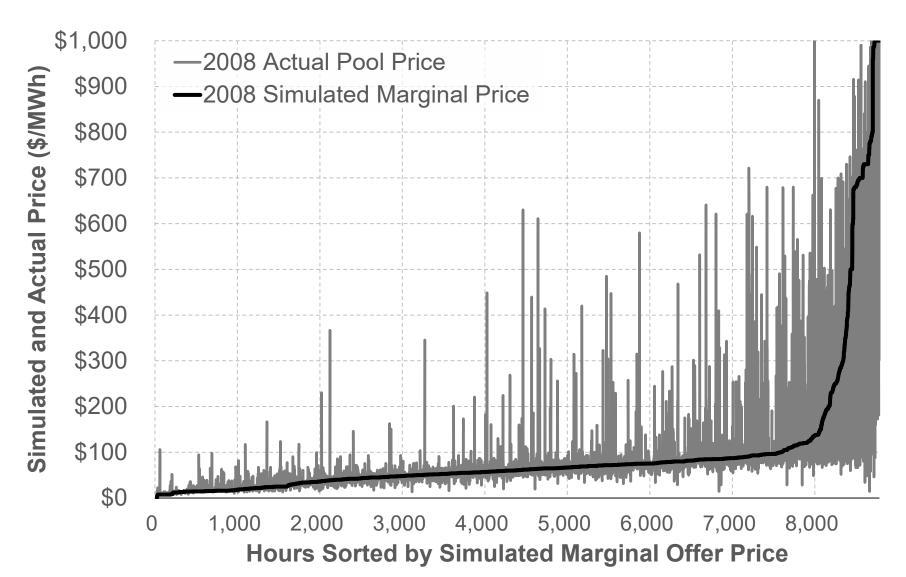
# Simulated marginal offer price varied from actual pool price in 5% of 2009





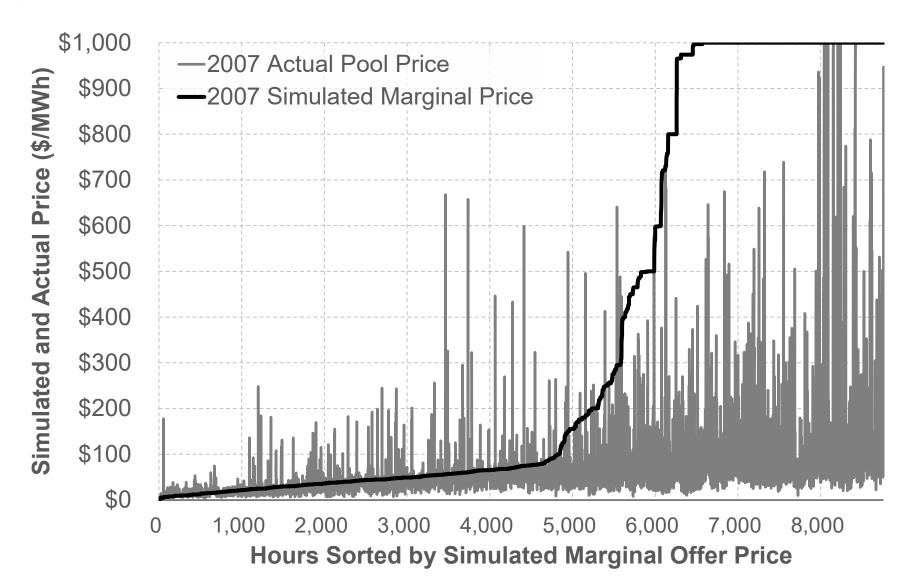
# Simulated marginal offer price varied from actual pool price in 15% of 2008





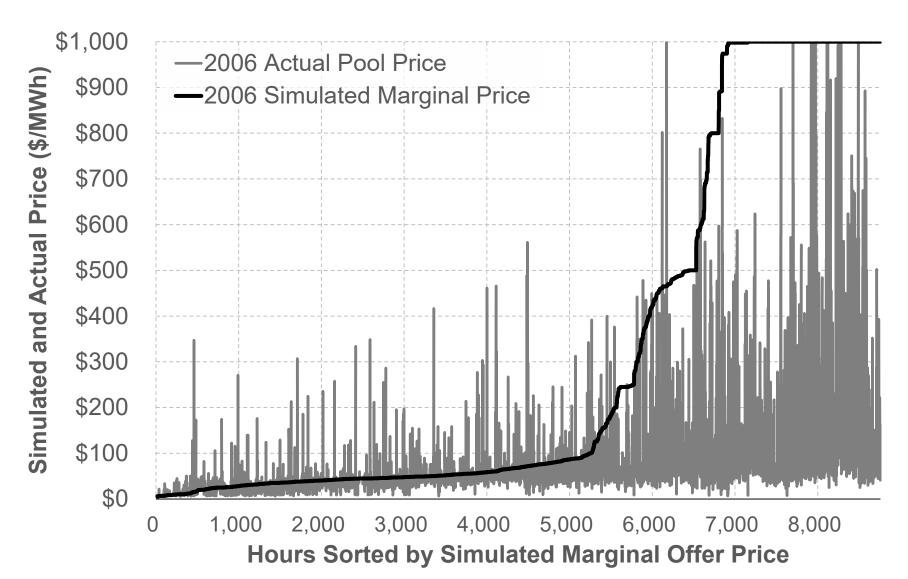
## Simulated marginal offer price varied from actual pool price in 52% of 2007





# Simulated marginal offer price varied from actual pool price in 49% of 2006





## Simulated marginal price varies from pool price due to changes during hour



- Simulated marginal offer price assumes steady-state conditions during an hour
- Actual pool price is affected by price changes within an hour arising from a variety of factors
  - Market participant restatements within the hour
  - Price responsive load dropping off or picking up
  - Wind generation increasing or decreasing
  - Intertie dispatch changes
  - High offer price differences for smaller dispatch volumes (as much as \$500/MWh over 50 MW of dispatch)
  - Generation dispatch changes during sharp ramp up and ramp down events due to net demand variability
  - In-merit available power changes resulting from derates

# Most-frequent marginal units can be in different areas in different years



2009 Marginal Units			2008 Marginal Units		
Location	Hours	Area	Location	Hours	Area
Sheerness #2	1,286	Sheerness	Sheerness #2	829	Sheerness
Sheerness #1	1,122	Sheerness	Sheerness #1	828	Sheerness
Calgary Energy Centre	806	Calgary	Dow Complex	702	Fort Saskatchewan
Cavalier	587	Strathmore	Calgary Energy Centre	690	Calgary
Battle River #5	524	Alliance	Cavalier	656	Strathmore
Sundance #2	427	Lake Wabamun	Battle River #5	610	Alliance
Dow Complex	407	Fort Saskatchewan	City of Medicine Hat	408	Medicine Hat
Sundance #6	407	Lake Wabamun	Sundance #6	352	Lake Wabamun
Sundance #1	385	Lake Wabamun	Nexen Inc. #1	314	Calgary
City of Medicine Hat	349	Medicine Hat	Sundance #3	310	Lake Wabamun
Sundance #5	311	Lake Wabamun	Sundance #5	281	Lake Wabamun
Nexen Inc. #1	276	Calgary	Suncor Industrial System	279	Fort McMurray
Battle River #4	181	Alliance	Scotford Industrial System	263	Fort Saskatchewan
Battle River #3	153	Alliance	Battle River #3	212	Alliance
Genesee #3	144	Lake Wabamun	Fort Nelson	201	Rainbow Lake
Muskeg River	142	Fort McMurray	Battle River #4	192	Alliance
Suncor Industrial System	132	Fort McMurray	Muskeg River	186	Fort McMurray
Northern Prairie Power	128	Grande Prairie	Joffre Industrial System	164	Red Deer
Joffre Industrial System	126	Red Deer	Sundance #2	139	Lake Wabamun
Scotford Industrial System	112	Fort Saskatchewan	Clover Bar #1	131	Edmonton

# Most-frequent marginal units can be in different areas in different years (cont'd)



2007 Marginal Units			2006 Marginal Units		
Location	Hours	Area	Location	Hours	Area
Brazeau Hydro Facility	1,113	Drayton Valley	Calgary Energy Centre	1,008	Calgary
Calgary Energy Centre	697	Calgary	Brazeau Hydro Facility	954	Drayton Valley
Sheerness #1	628	Sheerness	Sheerness #1	758	Sheerness
Sheerness #2	623	Sheerness	Sheerness #2	653	Sheerness
Battle River #5	469	Alliance	Nexen Inc. #1	481	Calgary
Sundance #2	414	Lake Wabamun	Sundance #4	414	Lake Wabamun
Nexen Inc. #1	360	Calgary	Sundance #1	403	Lake Wabamun
Sundance #3	340	Lake Wabamun	Suncor Industrial System	317	Fort McMurray
Alberta-BC Intertie - Export	323	WSCC	Valleyview #1	277	Valleyview
Scotford Industrial System	280	Fort Saskatchewan	Joffre Industrial System	269	Red Deer
Carseland	271	Strathmore	Sundance #3	267	Lake Wabamun
Joffre Industrial System	268	Red Deer	Muskeg River	260	Fort McMurray
Suncor Industrial System	265	Fort McMurray	Genesee #3	259	Lake Wabamun
Valleyview #1	246	Valleyview	Carseland	255	Strathmore
Poplar Hill #1	237	Grande Prairie	Battle River #5	253	Alliance
Sundance #6	204	Lake Wabamun	Scotford Industrial System	231	Fort Saskatchewan
Genesee #3	189	Lake Wabamun	Poplar Hill #1	193	Grande Prairie
Sundance #4	184	Lake Wabamun	Sundance #2	175	Lake Wabamun
Redwater	147	Fort Saskatchewan	Redwater	171	Fort Saskatchewan
Muskeg River	141	Fort McMurray	Battle River #3	150	Alliance

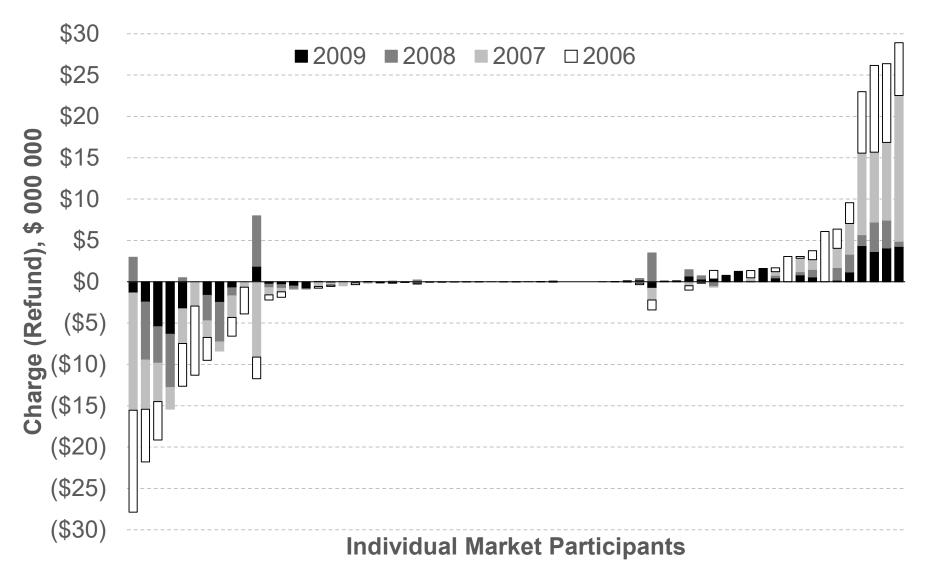
## AESO published 2009-2006 Module C adjustments on Dec 21 – Jan 29



- Financial settlement process for third settlement period was delayed one month
  - Revised schedule was included in Module C Settlement
    Procedure posted on December 22 and updated on January 8
- Settlement statements for third settlement period will be issued in March 2021
  - Preliminary statements will be issued on March 5
  - Final statements will be issued on March 19
- Financial settlement for third settlement period is expected to occur on May 31, 2021

# 2009-2006 adjustments range from \$25 million refund to \$29 million charge





Note: Amounts include allocated interest

### Commission has ordered use of simple interest calculation in Module C



- AESO requested guidance on whether interest attributable to monthly Module C amounts should be determined using compound interest or simple interest
  - AESO applied to Commission for guidance on November 13
- Commission ordered the AESO to use simple interest, in Decision 26084-D01-2021 issued on January 26, 2021
  - All Module C adjustments workbooks and settlement statements currently use simple interest

# No Module C payment defaults occurred for first settlement period



- Financial settlement for first Module C settlement period (2016-2014) occurred on December 30, 2020
- No payment defaults occurred for first settlement period
- If Module C adjustments in second or third settlement period cannot be recovered or refunded, AESO may address resulting trailing amounts through adjustment of loss factors using Rider E in historical years
  - True-up process is discussed in Module C Settlement
    Procedure

### Module C settlement schedule is included in *Procedure* document



Description	First Period 2016-2014	Second Period 2013-2010	Third Period 2009-2006
Publishing loss factors	May 2020	Early Nov 2020	Jan 2021
Publishing Module C adjustments	Sep 2020	Early Dec 2020	Jan 2021
Technical meeting	Jul 2020	Nov 2020	Feb 2021
Issuing statements	Oct 2020	Dec 2020	Mar 2021
Cash settlement	Dec 30, 2020	Mar 1, 2021	May 31, 2021

 Settlement schedule for Module C adjustments is included in Module C Settlement Procedure document posted on AESO website

#### Other loss factor work



- AESO published 2021 loss factors on November 30, 2020
  - Loss factors were updated on January 21 to include a location which did not originally satisfy project inclusion criteria
- Finalization of loss factor validation report was deferred due to resources being focused on 2021 loss factor development and Module C loss factor work
  - Report will be posted as soon as possible
- Stakeholder questions are included in this presentation

#### **Questions from stakeholders**



- City of Medicine Hat has identified concerns regarding system topologies, marginal unit capacity, missing generation volumes, and unstable raw loss factor calculations for the second settlement period
  - AESO is reviewing the identified concerns and will determine next steps in the near future
- TC Energy has requested information on treatment of available generating capacity that was not offered in energy market in 2006 to 2008, before "must offer" requirements
  - Will be discussed during slides on 2008-2006 loss factor recalculation results

#### Questions from stakeholders (cont'd)



- Some market participants have asked about differences between amounts in Module C adjustments workbooks and amounts in preliminary and final settlement statements
  - AESO has updated Module C Settlement Procedure document to provide reasons for differences
- Some market participants have asked specific questions about the settlement statements they have received
  - AESO has responded to those questions directly
- Some market participants have asked general questions
  - AESO has responded to those questions, and there has been no specific concerns identified after the AESO's response

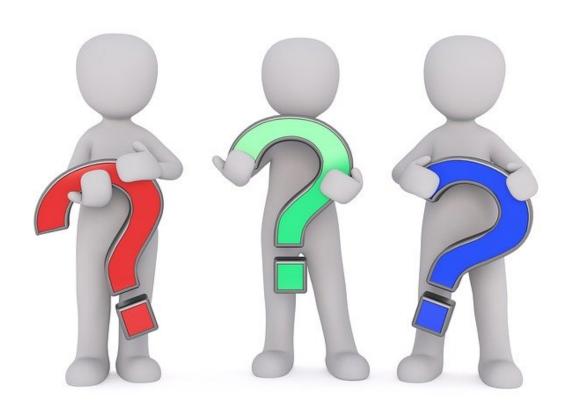
#### Questions from stakeholders (cont'd)



- Some market participants have asked whether settlement process will continue while questions are being addressed
  - AESO plans to continue the settlement process set out in the Module C Settlement Procedure document, unless an issue is identified that supports suspending that process
  - If such an issue is identified, the AESO will advise stakeholders through a notice posted on its website and included in its stakeholder newsletter

#### **Questions and discussion**





#### For more information



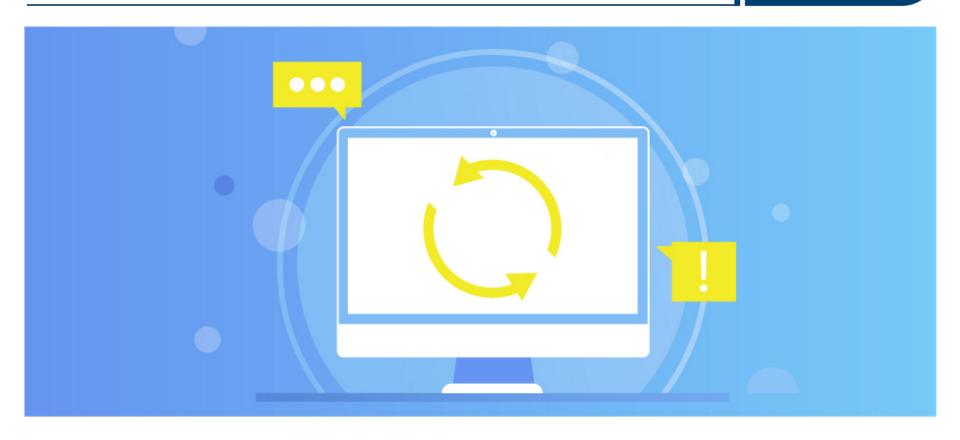
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- Loss factors, stakeholder consultation information, and related documents are posted on AESO website
  - Grid ➤ Loss factors
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  - Grid ► Loss factors ► Stakeholder engagement
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