

October 5, 2020

To: Market Surveillance Administrator, Market Participants and Other Interested Parties

Re: **Letter of Notice for the Proposed Removal of Operating Policies and Procedures 601, Transmission Outages and Limit Changes**

Pursuant to Section 4 of Alberta Utilities Commission Rule 017: *Procedures and Process for Development of ISO Rules and Filing of ISO Rules with the Alberta Utilities Commission*, the Alberta Electric System Operator ("AESO") is providing notice and seeking feedback from the Market Surveillance Administrator, market participants and other interested parties ("Stakeholders") on the proposed removal of Operating Policies and Procedures 601, *Transmission Outages and Limit Changes* ("OPP 601").

Issue

OPP 601 was adopted in 2009 in order to enable the legal owners of transmission facilities to provide information to the AESO on the unplanned derates of any of their transmission facilities. The AESO has determined that the requirements of OPP 601 necessary to enable the reliable operation of the interconnected electric system are sufficiently covered in Section 304.6 of the ISO rules, *Unplanned Transmission Facility Limit Changes*. As a result, OPP 601 is no longer required.

Objectives/Purpose

The intent of this consultation is to notify Stakeholders that OPP 601 is no longer required.

Proposed Consultation and Timeline

The AESO is proposing that no further consultation on the removal of OPP 601 take place. Further, the AESO proposes to move directly to filing an application with the Alberta Utilities Commission for approval of the proposed removal of OPP 601.

Stakeholder Comments

Stakeholders may submit:

- (i) written comments;
- (ii) a notice of intent to participate in consultation; and
- (iii) comments on the form of consultation;

Please use the *Stakeholder Comment Matrix – Proposed Removal of OPP 601* when submitting comments to the AESO. Stakeholders should ensure that comments provided represent all interests within their organization.

The deadline for Stakeholders to provide comments is October 21, 2020, to rules_comments@aeso.ca. Adherence to deadlines is essential to the integrity of the comment process, and as such, the AESO may choose not to consider any Stakeholder comments received after the deadline.

The AESO will publish all Stakeholder comments, received by the deadline, on the AESO website on October 26, 2020.

If no comments are received by the AESO regarding the proposed removal of OPP 601, the AESO will proceed directly to filing an application with the Alberta Utilities Commission for approval.

Related Materials

1. [Stakeholder Comment Matrix – Proposed Removal of OPP 601](#)
2. [Copy of existing OPP 601](#)

Sincerely,

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