



November 19, 2009

Dear Market Participants and Interested Parties:

**Re: Letter of Notice – Proposed Level II Changes to Existing OPP 307 Alberta-Saskatchewan Interconnection Transfer Limits and Existing OPP 503 Empress Area Operation**

Pursuant to Section 2(1) of the Alberta Utilities Commission (“Commission”) Rule 017, the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) is providing notice and seeking feedback on amendment to ISO OPP 307 and ISO OPP 503 (collectively the “OPP Changes”) that are being proposed by the AESO.

OPP 503 has been amended to remove sections dealing with the management of Empress area load and curtailment of export to Saskatchewan as these are no longer required.

OPP 307 has been revised to reflect improved export transfer capacity to Saskatchewan.

For ease of reference, the following grid is hyperlinked to provide assistance in directing stakeholders to the summary of the OPP Changes and the attachments. The attached summary provides more information on OPP Changes, including a brief explanation of the reason why they are needed.

| Rule Number | Description  | Level | Most relevant stakeholder interest     |
|-------------|--|-------|--|
| OPP 503     | <a href="#">Empress Area Operation</a>                               | II    | AESO, TFOs, and Interconnected Members |
| OPP 307     | <a href="#">Alberta-Saskatchewan Interconnection Transfer Limits</a> | II    | AESO, TFOs, and Interconnected Members |

Comments and suggestions on the OPP Changes being proposed are encouraged. Please use the comment matrices provided when submitting comments to the AESO on the proposed the OPP Changes. [Click here](#) to access the comment matrix for the proposed changes to OPP 503. [Click here](#) to access the comment matrix for the proposed changes to OPP 307. Only written comments will be considered in finalizing the OPP Changes.

Please provide feedback or questions by **Friday, December 4, 2009** to the individual identified as the “AESO Contact” in the attached Proposed Level II ISO Rule Changes.

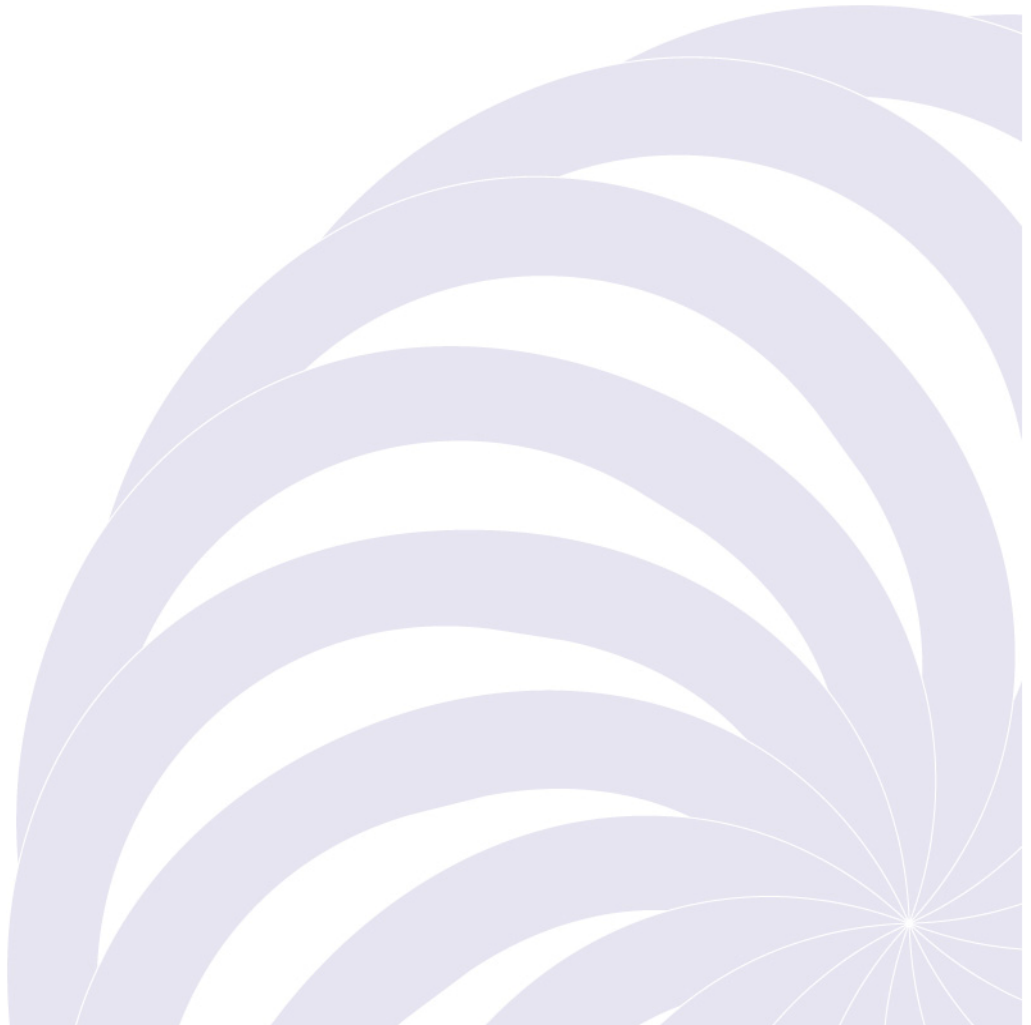


The AESO will be publishing all stakeholder comments received for industry review following after the comment deadline. Stakeholder comments received along with AESO replies will be published with the final proposed OPP Changes being recommended for internal approval in January 2010.

Yours sincerely,

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## Proposed LEVEL II ISO Rule Changes

Level II changes are changes that are expected to have a moderate or low impact on the industry or the ISO.

| <b>OPP 503 Empress Area Operation</b> |   |
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| <b>Rule Section/Number</b>            | Part 3, OPP 503 Empress Area Operation  |
| <b>Summary of ISO Rule</b>            | The purpose of OPP 503 is to define the policies and responsibilities for the Empress Area load customers and the policies and procedures for the system controller (“SC”) in managing load levels and motor starts in the Empress area.  |
| <b>Summary of Amendment</b>           | <p>The amendments to the OPP 503 provisions are driven by the ongoing system reinforcement project - "<i>Southeast Alberta Transmission Development</i>".</p> <p>This project includes upgrades the Empress area transmission system with the addition of a 240 /138 KV Cyprus substation, reconfiguration of 240/138 kV transmission lines and the addition of two (2) 27 MVar capacitors at McNeill 840S. With these changes, restrictions on management of the Empress area load and export to Saskatchewan are removed.</p> <p>OPP 503 has been amended to remove sections dealing with the management of Empress area load and curtailment of export to Saskatchewan, including the removal of Table 1, as these are no longer required.</p> |
| <b>Level</b>                          | II  |



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| <p>Explanation of Confidentiality</p> | <p>OPP 503 has confidential Table 1 (previously Table 2) that includes confidential customer DTS contract information and confidential Table 2 (previously Table 3) that includes confidential customer contact information, which if made public could violate the confidentiality agreements regarding the customer information.</p> <p>For clarity, previous confidential Tables 2 and 3 have been renumbered to confidential Tables 1 and 2 to reflect the proposed removal of existing Table 1.</p> <p>Except for the renumbering of the confidential tables, no revisions were made to the content of these tables. As a result, the AESO will not be requesting the Commission confirm that disclosure of the confidential tables attached to OPP 503 would not be in the public interest.</p> |
| <p>Proposed Effective Date</p>        | <p>February 8, 2010</p>   |
| <p>AESO Contact</p>                   | <p>Operating Policy and Procedures, Jason Murray,<br/> <a href="mailto:opp_comments@aeso.ca">opp_comments@aeso.ca</a> (403) 705-5230</p>  |
| <p>Attachments</p>                    | <p><b>See attached:</b></p> <p><a href="#">Comparison and Rationale Document for Changes to OPP 503</a></p>   |



## OPP 307 Alberta-Saskatchewan Interconnection Transfer Limits

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| Rule Section/Number            | Part 3, OPP 307 Alberta-Saskatchewan Interconnection Transfer Limits  |
| Summary of ISO Rule            | The purpose of OPP 307 is to establish the transfer limits on the Alberta-Saskatchewan interconnection and to define the policies and procedures for establishing the export and import transfer capability on the Alberta-Saskatchewan interconnection while ensuring system security in the Alberta Interconnected Electric System (AIES).  |
| Summary of Amendment           | <p>Currently the Alberta-Saskatchewan interconnection transfer limit is constrained by thermal restrictions in the Empress area and the transfer capability of McNeill converter station. With the additions in the Empress area (described above in OPP 503), the export capacity to Saskatchewan has increased.</p> <p>OPP 307 has been revised to reflect improved export transfer capacity to Saskatchewan.</p> |
| Level                          | II  |
| Explanation of Confidentiality | None  |
| Proposed Effective Date        | February 8, 2010  |
| AESO Contact                   | Market Operations, Jason Murray <a href="mailto:opp_comments@aeso.ca">opp_comments@aeso.ca</a><br>(403) 705-5230  |
| Attachments                    | <p><b>See attached:</b></p> <p><a href="#">Comparison and Rationale Document for Changes to OPP 307</a></p>   |