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1 Introduction

1. On June 22, 2017, the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO)¹ filed the following Alberta reliability standard with the Alberta Utilities Commission for review pursuant to Section 19(4)(b) of the *Transmission Regulation*. The AUC registered this filing as Application 22753-A001 and designated it as Proceeding 22753.

Table 1. Reliability standard filed June 22, 2017

Reliability standard category	Reliability standard	Reliability standard name	Proposed action
Emergency Preparedness and Operations (EOP)	EOP-005-AB-2	Blackstart Restoration	New

2. Pursuant to Section 19(4) of the *Transmission Regulation*, the Independent System Operator (ISO), before adopting or making reliability standards, must consult with those market participants that it considers are likely to be directly affected, and must forward the reliability standards to the Commission for review, along with the ISO's recommendation that the Commission either approve or reject each of them.

3. Pursuant to sections 19(5) and 19(6) of the *Transmission Regulation*, the Commission must approve, or refuse to approve, each reliability standard in accordance with the recommendation of the ISO, unless an interested person satisfies the Commission that the ISO's recommendation is:

- (a) technically deficient, or
- (b) not in the public interest.

4. On June 26, 2017, the Commission issued a notice of filing, and notice for objection, for the reliability standard identified in Table 1 by uploading the notice to the Commission's eFiling System.

5. No objections were filed with the Commission on or before the July 6, 2017 deadline specified in the notice of filing and notice for objection.

¹ The Independent System Operator (ISO) is established under Section 7(1) of the *Electric Utilities Act* and operates under the trade name AESO.

2 Background

6. The AESO stated that the proposed EOP-005-AB-2, along with existing reliability standard EOP-006-AB-2 (adopted in 2015) set out the requirements relating to the restoration of the Alberta Interconnected Electric System. The AESO further submitted that the purpose of EOP-006-AB-2 is to ensure plans are established and personnel are prepared to enable effective coordination of the system restoration process, and that the requirements of EOP-005-AB-2 are complementary to those set out in EOP-006-AB-2.

7. The AESO stated in its notice of filing to the Commission that on February 7, 2017, it posted a consultation letter on its website requesting comments from market participants and other interested parties with respect to the proposed EOP-005-AB-2 reliability standard. On March 9, 2017, the AESO posted written comments received from market participants and other interested parties, and on May 29, 2017, the AESO posted its replies to market participant comments.

8. The AESO attached a copy of the proposed amended reliability standard EOP-005-AB-2 to Application 22753-A001, submitted that the proposed reliability standard is compliant with the requirements of the *Transmission Regulation*, and recommended that the Commission approve the adoption of the proposed new reliability standard pursuant to Section 19 of the *Transmission Regulation*.

3 Commission findings and decision

9. Pursuant to sections 19(5) and 19(6) of the *Transmission Regulation* the Commission must follow the recommendation of the ISO to either approve or reject proposed reliability standards unless the recommendation is demonstrated to be technically deficient or not in the public interest:

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[...]

19(5) Subject to subsection (6), the Commission must approve or refuse to approve the reliability standards, agreements, criteria or directives, and must inform the ISO of its decision.

(6) The Commission must follow the recommendation of the ISO that the Commission approve or reject the proposed reliability standards, agreements, criteria or directives unless an interested person satisfies the Commission that the ISO's recommendation is

- (a) technically deficient, or
- (b) not in the public interest.

10. The AESO forwarded the reliability standard in Table 1 to the AUC with a recommendation that the Commission approve the adoption of EOP-005-AB-2.

11. The Commission finds that the AESO consulted as required with those market participants that it considers are likely to be affected by the approval of the reliability standard in Table 1, and that it complied with Section 19(4)(a) of the *Transmission Regulation*.

12. No party filed an objection with the AUC indicating that the recommended reliability standard is either technically deficient, or not in the public interest.

13. Accordingly, pursuant to Section 19(6) of the *Transmission Regulation*, the Commission approves the new reliability standard contained within Application 22753-A001, in accordance with the recommendation of the AESO. The Commission advises that the new reliability standard will be effective as follows:

Table 2. Effective date

Reliability standard	Effective date
EOP-005-AB-2	Approved, effective July 1, 2018.

Dated on July 14, 2017.

Alberta Utilities Commission

(original signed by)

Anne Michaud
Commission Member