

## NOTICE TO MARKET PARTICIPANTS AND STAKEHOLDERS

February 25, 2021

**Re: COVID-19 compliance update and extension to June 30, 2021**

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Further to the MSA's notices dated March 30, 2020,<sup>1</sup> June 22, 2020,<sup>2</sup> August 20, 2020,<sup>3</sup> and December 17, 2020,<sup>4</sup> the MSA recognizes the sustained potential for COVID-19 to cause non-compliance with the Alberta Reliability Standards and the ISO rules. Opportunities remain available to request waivers and variances of certain requirements from the AESO<sup>5</sup> and the MSA will continue to appropriately exercise its regulatory discretion during this period to assist market participants during this challenging time.

The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic will continue to be considered an acceptable reason on a case-by-case basis for non-compliance with the Alberta Reliability Standards and the ISO rules until June 30, 2021. Self-reports must continue to clearly identify the cause of the non-compliance, the date it was discovered, the date it commenced or will commence, and the steps and timelines for returning to compliance.

Sincerely,

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Market Surveillance Administrator

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<sup>1</sup> See the MSA's notice, "The Coronavirus and Specified Penalties Notice," dated March 30, 2020; available online at <https://www.albertamsa.ca/assets/Documents/MSA-Notice-re-The-Coronavirus-and-Specified-Penalties.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> See the MSA's notice, "COVID-19 compliance update," dated June 22, 2020; available online at <https://www.albertamsa.ca/assets/Documents/MSA-Notice-re-COVID-19-Compliance-Update.pdf>.

<sup>3</sup> See the MSA's notice, "COVID-19 compliance update and extension," dated August 20, 2020; available online at <https://www.albertamsa.ca/assets/Documents/MSA-Notice-re-COVID-19-compliance-extension.pdf>.

<sup>4</sup> See the MSA's notice, "COVID-19 compliance update and extension to March 31, 2021," dated December 17, 2020; available online at <https://www.albertamsa.ca/assets/Documents/MSA-Notice-re-COVID-19-compliance-update-and-extension-to-March-31-2021.pdf>.

<sup>5</sup> See "Requests for Information, Waivers or Variances Regarding Documents," available online at <https://www.aeso.ca/rules-standards-and-tariff/requests-for-information-waivers-or-variances-regarding-authoritative-documents/>.