

NOTICE TO MARKET PARTICIPANTS AND STAKEHOLDERS

August 20, 2020

Re: COVID-19 compliance update and extension

Further to the MSA's notices dated March 30, 2020¹ and June 22, 2020,² 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 AESO³ 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 December 31, 2020. 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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¹ See the MSA's notice, "The Coronavirus and Specified Penalties Notice," dated March 30, 2020; available online at <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5d88e3016c6a183b1bcc861f/t/5e827dfe5a71f9622b48330a/1585610238986/Specified+Penalty+Bulletin+March+302020.pdf>.

² See the MSA's notice, "COVID-19 compliance update," dated June 22, 2020; available online at <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5d88e3016c6a183b1bcc861f/t/5ef10937ff5d8e025b78fa1f/1592854839508/20-06-22+Compliance+notice+re+COVID-19.pdf>.

³ 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/>.