

## NOTICE TO MARKET PARTICIPANTS AND STAKEHOLDERS

December 17, 2020

**Re: COVID-19 compliance update and extension to March 31, 2021**

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Further to the MSA's notices dated March 30, 2020,<sup>1</sup> June 22, 2020,<sup>2</sup> and August 20, 2020,<sup>3</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>4</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 March 31, 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://static1.squarespace.com/static/5d88e3016c6a183b1bcc861f/t/5e827dfe5a71f9622b48330a/1585610238986/Specified+Penalty+Bulletin+March+302020.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> 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>.

<sup>3</sup> See the MSA's notice, "COVID-19 compliance update and extension," dated August 20, 2020; available online at <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5d88e3016c6a183b1bcc861f/t/5f3ecd392ca49b1aa6f406e7/1597951290157/2020-08-20+COVID-19+compliance+extension.pdf>.

<sup>4</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/>.