

NOTICE TO MARKET PARTICIPANTS AND STAKEHOLDERS

December 17, 2020

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

Further to the MSA's notices dated March 30, 2020,¹ June 22, 2020,² and August 20, 2020,³ 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 AESO⁴ 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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¹ 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>.

² 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>.

³ 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>.

⁴ 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/>.