

## NOTICE OF SPECIFIED PENALTY

Date of Issue: October 13, 2023		Payment Due Date: November 14, 2023	
MSA File Number	RS2023-081	<b>Specified Penalty Amount<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>\$3,750</b>
Registered Entity Name	Canadian Natural Resources Ltd.		
Reliability Standard	PRC-005-AB1-6 PRC-005-AB2-6 <sup>2</sup>	Self-Report	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
Requirement	R3	Accepted Mitigation Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Date of Referral/Self Report	April 19, 2023	Date of Contravention	April 1, 2020 to December 20, 2021

### EVENT DETAILS

Pursuant to the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) Alberta Reliability Standards 2021-2023 Audit Schedule, the AESO conducted a scheduled Q4-2022 compliance monitoring audit of Canadian Natural Resources Ltd. (CNRL). The applicable audit period with respect to PRC-005-AB2-6 extended from October 1, 2019, to September 30, 2022.

The MSA finds that PRC-005-AB1-6 and PRC-005-AB2-6 were contravened from April 1, 2020, to December 20, 2021, as CNRL did not maintain its protection systems, automatic reclosing, and sudden pressure relaying for components located at two assets for ten different time periods in accordance with the maintenance activities intervals prescribed by Table 1-4(a) and (b) of Appendix 1. PRC-005-AB1-6 and PRC-005-AB2-6 state, in part:

R3 Each legal owner of a transmission facility, legal owner of a generating unit, and legal owner of an aggregated generating facility that uses time-based maintenance program(s) must maintain its protection system, automatic reclosing, and sudden pressure relaying components that are included within the time-based maintenance program in accordance with the minimum maintenance activities and maximum maintenance intervals prescribed within Tables 1-1 through 1-5, Table 2, Table 3, Tables 4-1 through 4-3, and Table 5 of Appendix 1.

MR3 Evidence of maintaining protection system, automatic reclosing, and sudden pressure relaying components in accordance with the minimum maintenance activities and maximum maintenance intervals as required in requirement R3 exists. Evidence may include, but is not limited to, dated maintenance records, dated maintenance summaries, dated check-off lists, dated inspection records, or dated work orders or other equivalent evidence.

The MSA is satisfied that the conduct was a contravention of Reliability Standard PRC-005-AB1-6, requirement R3 and PRC-005-AB2-6, requirement R3.

### DELIVERY OF PAYMENT

Payment by cheque, certified funds or electronic funds transfer (EFT) is to be made payable to the "General Revenue Fund c/o Minister of Finance" and delivered to Alberta Affordability and Utilities c/o Energy and Minerals at: 9945 – 108 Street NW, Edmonton, Alberta, T5K 2G6. The payment should reference this Notice of Specified Penalty and related MSA File #. Electronic copies of the payment and confirmation of delivery should be sent by email to [compliance@albertamsa.ca](mailto:compliance@albertamsa.ca) and [enforcement@auc.ab.ca](mailto:enforcement@auc.ab.ca). Questions, including questions about EFT instructions, can be directed to [compliance@albertamsa.ca](mailto:compliance@albertamsa.ca).

<sup>1</sup> Specified Penalty Amount conditional on the completion of the accepted Mitigation Plan.

<sup>2</sup> PRC-005-AB1-6 was in effect from October 1, 2019 to October 12, 2020 and PRC-005-AB2-6 took effect on October 13, 2020.

**NOTICE**

The Market Surveillance Administrator (MSA) is granted the power and authority under s. 52 of the *Alberta Utilities Commission Act* to issue a Notice of Specified Penalty where the MSA is satisfied that a person has contravened a reliability standard. Specified penalties are set out in AUC Rule 027.

In accordance with the relevant enactments and rules, a dispute regarding the issuance of a Notice of Specified Penalty or failure to pay the specified penalty in accordance with this notice will result in a hearing or other proceeding before the AUC.

In accordance with s. 5(1) of AUC Rule 027 this Notice of Specified Penalty will be made public no earlier than receipt of confirmation of payment from the Commission and no later than 45 days after issuance. The MSA will, if applicable, also post on its website the link to any decision of the AUC respecting the specified penalty.

If your organization disputes the issuance of this Notice of Specified Penalty, or if you have any other questions or comments regarding this matter, please contact the MSA compliance team at [compliance@albertamsa.ca](mailto:compliance@albertamsa.ca).

**APPROVED BY**

Mark Nesbitt, Director, Enforcement on October 13, 2023