

# Notice of Application

## Alberta Electric System Operator files ISO rule

### **Proceeding 26329**

### **Application 26329-A001**

Pursuant to Subsection 20.2(2) of the *Electric Utilities Act*, the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC or Commission), the independent utilities regulator, must publish notice of an independent system operator (ISO) rule that is filed pursuant to Subsection 20.2(1) of the *Electric Utilities Act*. In Alberta, the role and obligations of the ISO are fulfilled by the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO). If you may be affected by this application, you can provide input to the AUC to review before it makes its decision.

**Written statements of intent to participate are due by March 10, 2021.**

### **Nature of the application**

The AESO filed an application with the Commission on February 18, 2021, pursuant to Subsection 20.2(1) of the *Electric Utilities Act*, and Rule 017: *Procedures and Process for Development of ISO Rules and Filing of ISO Rules with the Alberta Utilities Commission*. In its application, the AESO proposed amendments to Section 505.2 of the ISO Rules, *Performance Assessment for Refund of Generating Unit Owner's Contribution*.

The AESO submitted that it is required to include in the ISO tariff the “amount...payable by the owner of a generating unit to the ISO,” which is referred to as the generating unit owner’s contribution (GUOC) and is meant to provide a long-term siting signal for generators to site in areas that would be most beneficial to load. Section 505.2 contains the performance assessment calculations for determining the refund of a GUOC to the legal owner of the generating unit. Following the recent approval of the ISO tariff, which became effective on January 1, 2021, Section 505.2 requires updates to include the AESO’s new method for calculating the GUOC, the revised GUOC rates and new terms for payment of the GUOC. The amendments to Section 505.2 introduce a new binary approach for assessing the performance of a generating unit, which assesses the performance based on the generating unit’s metered energy.

Subsection 7.2(a) of Rule 017 requires the AESO to provide a description of the consultation process undertaken by the AESO along with its application. The AESO solicited stakeholder comments and hosted a virtual stakeholder consultation, making changes to Section 505.2 based on stakeholder feedback. All comments, along with AESO replies, were then posted to the AESO’s website. The full details of the consultation process are available within the filed application.

### **Copy of the ISO rule**

The application and the information filed with the Commission regarding the ISO rule is available through the AUC website at [www.auc.ab.ca](http://www.auc.ab.ca) by logging into the eFiling System and entering Proceeding 26329. To receive notification about this proceeding, please ensure you are registered as either an observer or participant in this proceeding.

For a paper copy of the application, or for more information, contact the AESO at:

Alberta Electric System Operator  
Brenda Hill, Regulatory Administrator  
Calgary Place, 2500, 330 Fifth Ave S.W.  
Calgary, Alta. T2P 0L4  
Phone: 403-539-2850  
Email: [brenda.hill@aesoc.ca](mailto:brenda.hill@aesoc.ca)

### **Participant information**

For more information about how you may become involved in this proceeding please contact us or visit our website and review the information under “Have your say” and under “Review process.”

### **Submissions**

If you wish to participate in this proceeding, please visit our website and log in to the eFiling System, go to Proceeding 26329, and register to participate under the “registered parties” tab. Alternatively, please contact us at 310-4AUC or [info@auc.ab.ca](mailto:info@auc.ab.ca) for more information, or assistance with filing your submission. The lead application officer, Joanna Wright, can also be contacted at 403-592-4379 or by email at [joanna.wright@auc.ab.ca](mailto:joanna.wright@auc.ab.ca).

### **Privacy**

To support an open and transparent process, information you send to the AUC will be publicly available through the AUC’s eFiling System. If there is confidential information you would like to file, a request must be made in advance of filing your submission.

### **Effective date**

If no notice of objection is filed with the Commission before the specified deadline, the amended Section 505.2 may become effective as of the date of the decision.

Issued on February 24, 2021.

Alberta Utilities Commission