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COM-001-AB-3 and COM-002-AB-4**

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The Commission may, no later than 60 days from the date of this decision and without notice, correct typographical, spelling and calculation errors and other similar types of errors and post the corrected decision on its website.

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1 Introduction

1. On March 15, 2024, pursuant to Section 19(4)(b) of the *Transmission Regulation*, the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO)¹ forwarded proposed changes to Alberta reliability standards COM-001-AB-3 and COM-002-AB-4, to the Alberta Utilities Commission for review, along with its recommendation that the Commission approves the amended reliability standards. The proposed changes and affected reliability standards are identified in Table 1.

Table 1. Reliability standards filed March 14, 2024

Reliability standard category	Reliability standard	Reliability standard/definition name	Proposed action
Communication (COM)	COM-001-AB-3	<i>Communications</i>	Amend
COM	COM-002-AB-4	<i>Operating Personnel Communications Protocols</i>	Amend

Note: The various types of reliability standards approved by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation are outlined at [Reliability Standards \(nerc.com\)](https://www.nerc.com).

2. The Commission issued a filing announcement on March 15, 2024. Pursuant to Subsection 13.1 of Rule 001: *Rules of Practice*, the Commission determined that no person would be directly and adversely affected by its decision on this proceeding. Therefore, the Commission has proceeded to the issuance of this decision without further notice or process.

3. The Commission considers the record of this proceeding to have closed on March 15, 2024.

2 Background

4. The AESO submitted that COM-001-AB-3 and COM-002-AB-4 comprise corrections to typographical errors in the final versions of the standards as approved by the Commission in Decision 27990-D01-2023.² The AESO stated these errors are a result of oversight in submitting final documentation and do not impact the content that was consulted on and approved by the Commission.

¹ The independent system operator (ISO) is established under Section 7(1) of the *Electric Utilities Act* and operates under the trade name AESO. For the purposes of this decision, AESO and ISO are used interchangeably.

² Decision 27990-D01-2023: Alberta Electric System Operator - Approval of Proposed New Section 201.10 of the ISO Rules, New Alberta Reliability Standards, and Retirement of Existing Alberta Reliability Standards, Proceeding 27990, Application 27990-A001, March 7, 2023.

5. These errors are as follows:
- Blank pages at pages 3 and 6 of COM-001-AB-3.
 - Excess white space in R3 of COM-001-AB-3.
 - Missing line breaks between R7.A2 and R8, and between R8.A2 and R9 of COM-001-AB-3.
 - Excess white space in R5 of COM-002-AB-4.
 - Bolding of various punctuation marks throughout COM-002-AB-4.
 - Use of “emergency” throughout COM-002-AB-4 without bolding to identify the defined term.
6. On February 22, 2024, the AESO posted a consultation letter on its website requesting comments from interested parties. No stakeholder comments were received.

3 Commission findings and decision

7. Section 19(4) of the *Transmission Regulation* specifies that, before adopting or making reliability standards, the ISO must consult with those market participants that it considers likely to be directly affected and forward the proposed reliability standards to the Commission for review, with the ISO’s recommendation that the Commission approves or rejects them. The Commission is satisfied that the ISO has fulfilled these requirements.
8. The ISO forwarded the amended COM-001-AB-3 and COM-002-AB-4 to the Commission with a recommendation that the Commission approves the proposed changes. The Commission accepts that the revisions to COM-001-AB-3 and COM-002-AB-4 are a result of oversights from the original application and do not impact the content that was consulted on and approved by the Commission.
9. Noting the lack of objections to COM-001-AB-3 and COM-002-AB-4 in the original consultation, and the AESO’s stakeholder consultation letter, the Commission is satisfied that approving the revisions is appropriate.
10. Accordingly, pursuant to Section 19(6) of the *Transmission Regulation*, and based on the recommendation of the ISO, the Commission approves the amended COM-001-AB-3 and COM-002-AB-4, effective April 1, 2024.

Dated on March 28, 2024.

Alberta Utilities Commission

(original signed by)

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