

## NOTICE OF SPECIFIED PENALTY

Date of Issue: November 28, 2012

Payment Due Date: December 28, 2012

MSA File Number:	RS2012-033 RS2012-034 RS2012-035	<b>Specified Penalty Amount:</b>	\$ 3,750
Registered Entity Name:	TransAlta Corporation		
Reliability Standard :	PRC-001-AB-1	Self Report:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Requirement:	R1 (1 of 2) R1 (2 of 2) R2	Accepted Mitigation Plan:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
Date of Referral/Self Report:	October 10, 2012	Date of Contravention:	January 13, 2011 to June 30, 2011 January 13, 2011 to January 18, 2011 March 19, 2011 to March 21, 2011

### EVENT DETAILS

The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) conducted a scheduled Q3 2011 compliance monitoring audit of TransAlta Corporation. The applicable audit period with respect to PRC-001-AB-1 was the effective date of the standard (January 22, 2010; January 13, 2011 per R1) until June 30, 2011. R1 of PRC-001-AB-1 states "The operating personnel of the ISO, TFO's and operators of generating units must each be familiar with the purpose and limitations of protection system schemes applied in its area." Audit findings of the AESO indicated that training materials presented as evidence for compliance with R1 were generic and did not meet the specific requirement of ensuring familiarity with protection systems applied in the entity's area.

### FINDINGS

Based upon the information obtained by the MSA, the MSA is satisfied that the events were contraventions of Reliability Standard PRC-001-AB-1, requirements R1 and R2.

### MATERIAL FACTS

The material facts relied upon by the MSA include the following:

1. The AESO's Alberta Reliability Standards Compliance Monitoring Audit Report dated September 27, 2012 based upon the audit evidence collected by AESO.

### DELIVERY OF PAYMENT

Payment by cheque or certified funds is to be made out to the "General Revenue Fund c/o Minister of Finance", and delivered to the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) at: 4th Floor, 425 - 1st Street S.W., Calgary, Alberta, T2P 3L8. Questions in respect of delivery of payment should be addressed to the Director of Finance, AUC. The payment should reference this notice and related MSA File #. Delivery of payment should also be confirmed by email to [compliance@albertamsa.ca](mailto:compliance@albertamsa.ca), with copy to the following AUC personnel: Sabi Ghavami (Director, Finance) [sabi.ghavami@auc.ab.ca](mailto:sabi.ghavami@auc.ab.ca), and Darin Lowther (Director, Market Rules) [darin.lowther@auc.ab.ca](mailto:darin.lowther@auc.ab.ca).

### 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 30 days 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).

### SIGNATURE

Signature:	"Original Signed"	Signature Date:	November 28, 2012
Name:	Doug Doll	Title:	Manager Compliance