

NOTICE OF SPECIFIED PENALTY

Date of Issue: July 11, 2024		Payment Due Date: August 11, 2024	
MSA File Number	RS2023-127	Specified Penalty Amount	\$ 5,000
Market Participant Name	TA Alberta Hydro LP		
Reliability Standard	VAR-002-AB-4.1	Self-Report	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Requirement	R3	Accepted Mitigation Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Date of Self Report	June 30, 2023	Date of Contravention	November 6, 2021 November 16, 2022

MSA FINDINGS

The AESO was not notified within 30 minutes after the power system stabilizer at Cascade units 1 and 2 was disabled. This occurred and was a contravention of VAR-002-AB-4.1 R3 on November 6, 2021, and November 16, 2022.

VAR-002-AB-4.1 states, in part:

R3. Each operator of a generating unit and operator of an aggregated generating facility must notify the ISO within thirty (30) minutes after a status change of the automatic voltage regulator, voltage regulating system or alternative voltage controlling device and power system stabilizer, as applicable, on any generating unit or aggregated generating facility.

R3.1 If the status or control mode has been restored within 30 minutes of such change, then the operator of a generating unit or operator of an aggregated generating facility is not required to notify the ISO of the status or control mode change.

R3.2 If a generating unit or an aggregated generating facility is in testing, start-up, shut-down or offline mode, requirement R3 does not apply.

R3.3 If a generating unit or an aggregated generating facility is operating below the safe and stable level for power system stabilizer operation, then the operator of a generating unit or operator of an aggregated generating facility is not required to notify the ISO of a change in status of the power system stabilizer caused by the low output level of the generating unit or aggregated generating facility.

The MSA is satisfied that the conduct was a contravention of Reliability Standard VAR-002-AB-4.1, requirement R3.

DELIVERY OF PAYMENT

Payment can be made by electronic funds transfer (EFT). Please reach out to compliance@albertamsa.ca for instructions. When submitting the EFT, please send an email to AU.FinOps@gov.ab.ca, compliance@albertamsa.ca and enforcement@auc.ab.ca noting the MSA file #, market participant name, name as appears on bank account, payment amount and the date of the payment. Questions can be directed to compliance@albertamsa.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 an Alberta 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.

APPROVED BY

Mark Nesbitt, Director, Enforcement on July 8, 2024