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Subject: Communication from the IESO regarding the NERC Nuclear Plant Interface Coordination Standard currently under development

Subject: NERC - Nuclear Plant Interface Coordination Standard Posted for Comment (September 15–October 16, 2006)

The [NERC standard on Nuclear Plant Interface Coordination](#) has just been posted on the NERC website for comments.

Need for Standard

The purpose of the standard is to ensure that coordination between the NPP licensee and the entities responsible for the planning, assessment, operation, and analysis of the electric system is consistently achieved in practice and is documented. The standard would apply only to those entities that interface with or provide services to a nuclear power plant (NPP).

Impact to Ontario Market Participants

As you know more than 50% of installed generation capacity in the province of Ontario is nuclear. It is important that the IESO, Ontario generators, and any other applicable transmission entities ensure that all procedures and protocols are in place, and documented, in order to ensure safe operation of Ontario Nuclear Power Plants (NPPs). This standard reflects the need for effective agreements, studies, coordination and communications between transmission and generation entities, and holds extreme relevance in a control area whose generation scenario is dominated by nuclear fuel supply.

Standard Development Process

The requirements for this standard were initially established in 2004 and the standard has gone through one round of commenting already. Additional information on the background of this standard can be obtained from the following website:

<http://www.nerc.com/~filez/standards/Nuclear-Offsite-Supply.html>

The IESO strongly encourages that Nuclear Power Plant Operators review this standard and let us know if you are interested in either participating in a discussion by means of a conference call that we will facilitate regarding the standard or by providing any [comments](#) you have to us by **Oct 4th** for our consideration. *Draft comments the IESO develops will be forwarded prior to that date.*

If you would like to involve yourselves directly in the commenting process, please let us know and we would be happy to walk you through the NERC commenting and balloting process. Also, please let us know if you require additional information or clarification.

Regards

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