

Notice of Force Majeure

(Market Rules for the Ontario Electricity Market)

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Capitalized terms not defined herein have the meaning ascribed in the Market Rules for the Ontario Electricity Market (the "Market Rules").

- This is a new Force Majeure event, start date: <insert date, if applicable>
- This is an update to an existing Force Majeure No.: **4**
- This is a termination Notice, termination date: **11/1/2020**

Date	8/11/2020
Legal Name of Market Participant	VOLTUS ENERGY CANADA LTD (the "Participant")
Market Participant ID#	189588
Delivery Point	DRA1000041270
Title of Force Majeure	VOLTUS WEST COVID-19 FORCE MAJEURE

Pursuant to Chapter 1, Section 13.3 of the Market Rules, the FIT Contract, the Participant is hereby submitting this Notice of Force Majeure Event to the IESO. The Supplier agrees and consents that the IESO may disclose any information contained in this Notice of Force Majeure, related documentation to any Person for the purpose of assessing this Force Majeure claim, and may post the Notice of Force Majeure in accordance with Chapter 1, section 13.3.12 of the Market Rules.

The Participant represents and warrants that all of the information in this Notice of Force Majeure, including all documentation provided herewith, is complete, true and accurate, and there is no material information omitted from this Notice of Force Majeure that makes the information contained herein misleading or inaccurate.

Participant: VOLTUS ENERGY CANADA LTD
Signature: 
Name: Matthew Plante
Title: President
I have the authority to bind the Participant.
Dated this 11th day of August, 2020

1. Description of the events leading to Force Majeure Event.

Provide reasonably full particulars of the cause and timing of the events relating to the invoked Force Majeure. Also provide documentary evidence of the same, including without limitation, the following: newspaper articles, correspondence, emails, notes, reports, memoranda and any other documentation relevant to establishing Force Majeure.

Due to the Essential Services Order 82/20 and COVID-19 a number of contributors in the WEST zone have ceased operations or are operating only essential parts of their business. As a result, the contributors listed in attachment A cannot fulfill their individual obligations. Documentation of such impact is found in attachment A.

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2 Effect of Force Majeure.

Provide reasonably full particulars of the effect of the Force Majeure on the Participants' ability to fulfill its obligations under the Market Rules. Also provide documentary evidence of the same, including without limitation, the following: reports, policy documents, correspondence, emails, notes, memoranda and any other documentation relevant to establishing the effect of Force Majeure.

Due to individual contributors' inability to curtail operations, or lack of operations to curtail, VOLTUS ENERGY CANADA LTD was initially unable to provide 4.3 MWs of demand reductions necessary to fulfill its obligation of 18.0 MWs. *As some contributors have now resumed operations, evidenced in Attachment B, VOLTUS ENERGY CANADA LTD is currently able to provide all demand reductions necessary to fulfill its obligation of 18 MWs.*

3 Commercially Reasonable Efforts

Provide reasonably full particulars of efforts, if any, undertaken or contemplated by the Participant to remedy or mitigate the Force Majeure. Also provide documentary evidence of the Commercially Reasonable Efforts listed, including, without limitation, the following, as applicable: correspondence, emails, notes, memoranda and any other documentation relevant to establishing the efforts to remedy or mitigate the Force Majeure.

VOLTUS ENERGY CANADA LTD (Voltus) could not have predicted or prevented the impacts of the coronavirus on the commercial and industrial electricity loads that underlie our demand response resources. Efforts to evaluate and map the changes to our ability to respond during demand response events are ongoing, and are still subject to rapidly changing conditions. In response to the coronavirus pandemic Voltus has done everything in its power to understand the impact of the pandemic and minimize the effects going forward. To date, Voltus has reached out to all contributors with additional available load above their obligation offering them incentives to increase their load curtailment. Correspondence is provided in Attachment A. New participation may compensate for some of the lost load attributable to the pandemic. *Voltus has been actively monitoring customers operational status as shelter-in-place restrictions have been lifted and some customers have now returned to normal operations, documentation of which can be found in Attachment B.*

(Use separate attachments or extra pages, as necessary)