

Alberta RTO West Presentation



RTO West RRG Meeting
August 31, 2000

Alberta supports the formation of RTO West



- Alberta strongly supports the formation of RTO West and the objectives and principles adopted by the RTO West initiative
 - fair open and efficient markets for energy, ancillary services and transmission
 - safe, reliable and economic operation of the interconnected transmission system
 - independence of the transmission system from the merchant function
- These are the same guiding principles used in the restructuring of the electricity sector in Alberta which began in 1996

Alberta Membership in RTO West



- The potential benefits of Alberta membership in RTO West are recognized
- For Alberta to consider membership
 - We must go through our own stakeholder consultation process in making this decision
 - Now that the form of RTO West structure is clearer Alberta can accelerate examinations of the options for its membership in RTO West
- Our present objective is to ensure that barriers to our future membership are avoided and to provide support to the filing utilities in the submission to FERC

Alberta RTO West Membership



- Alberta is committed to working with the filing utilities to find appropriate mechanism for RTO West membership recognizing Alberta's investment in restructuring and its legislative and regulatory requirements.
- Alberta is willing to consider modifications to its structure with the objective of enhancing competitive markets and open access to the interconnected transmission system while maintaining / enhancing system reliability.

Alberta Energy Markets



- the original “pool” model has been substantially enhanced to include
 - bi-lateral markets
 - forward markets operated by independent power exchanges
 - operational by 2001
 - real time ‘balancing’ market dispatched by the System Controller
- Retail Access will come into effect in January 2001

Ancillary Services Market



- Ancillary Services market operated by independent power exchanges and dispatched by the System Controller
 - to begin operation in 2001
- Self provision and self tracking will be considered in the future
 - Note: The competitive market being implemented can accommodate these concepts.

Summary



- Alberta strongly supports the formation of RTO West and the objectives and principles adopted by the RTO West initiative
- Alberta is committed to work with RTO West to find an appropriate mechanism for Alberta membership