

## NOTICE TO MARKET PARTICIPANTS AND STAKEHOLDERS

Date: December 15, 2014

Re: Applicability of the Freedom of Information and Protection Act

The Market Surveillance Administrator (MSA) has now been designated a "public body" pursuant to the *Freedom of Information and Protection Act*, R.S.A. 2000 c. F-25 (the "FOIP Act"). The FOIP Act establishes certain rights for access to documents in the custody or control of the MSA, subject to certain enumerated exceptions. This collection of documents would include all records, not just those records created or received after the MSA designation.

The MSA recognizes that it receives commercially sensitive or confidential information from market participants as part of its mandate to monitor, surveil or investigate. The MSA will be vigilant in not disclosing information which is properly exempt from disclosure under the FOIP Act.

As a result of this designation, several of the MSA's policies, procedures and processes will be rescinded or amended and new processes put in place. In keeping with our past practice, these changes to make the MSA procedures compliant with the FOIP Act will be posted on our website at <u>www.albertamsa.ca</u> in due course.

If you have any questions about FOIP and the MSA, please contact the MSA FOIP Coordinator:

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Yours truly,

"Original Signed"

Market Surveillance Administrator Per: Eeva White FOIP Coordinator