

**Joint Decision 2016-4
of British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan (the “Parties”)
Pursuant to Article 21(3) of the
New West Partnership Trade Agreement**

Introduction

1. Article 21(3) of the *New West Partnership Trade Agreement* (“NWPTA”) allows the Parties to issue a joint decision at any time relating to the interpretation of the NWPTA. Any such joint decision is binding on panels and any subsequent decision or award by a panel issued under NWPTA Part IV must be consistent with any such preceding joint decision. The Parties intend the following to be a joint decision under Article 21(3) concerning the interpretation of Article 15(1).

Meaning of “Not Incompatible” as Used in Article 15(1)

2. For the purposes of Article 15(1), a Party’s standards-related electricity measures are not incompatible with a generally accepted and applicable North American standard solely because a Party has chosen not to adopt a specific standard developed by a relevant body.

APPROVAL OF JOINT DECISION

In witness whereof, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Joint Decision.

Signed at _____, this _____ day of _____, 2016.

**The Honourable Teresa Wat, Minister of International Trade
Government of British Columbia**

Signed at _____, this _____ day of _____, 2016.

**The Honourable Deron Bilous, Minister of Economic Development and Trade
Government of Alberta**

Signed at _____, this _____ day of _____, 2016.

**The Honourable Jeremy Harrison, Minister of the Economy
Government of Saskatchewan**