

October 22, 2014

Dear Stakeholder:

Re: Update on southern Alberta transmission projects

This letter provides important information about the following transmission projects:

- **Picture Butte to Etzikom Coulee Transmission Project (PBEC):** A new substation, called Journault, in the Etzikom Coulee area and a new 240 kV transmission line between the Picture Butte and the new Journault substations.
- **Goose Lake to Etzikom Coulee Transmission Project (GLEC):** A new 240 kV transmission line between the Goose Lake and new Journault substations.
- **Etzikom Coulee to Whitla Transmission Project (ECW):** A new 240 kV transmission line between the Journault and Whitla substations.

The AESO has asked AltaLink to stop all activities related to siting, routing and consultation for these projects. We will be applying to the Alberta Utilities Commission to amend the approval of these three projects to ensure the need for transmission in southern Alberta more closely aligns with the pace of generation development. The amendment process will be open and transparent and stakeholders will be able to share their views about the need for these projects.

We remain confident that over the long term, new transmission in the PBEC, GLEC and ECW project areas will be needed because of the rich potential for wind power development in these areas. We are also currently working with developers with existing wind projects to connect them to the grid.

We will be reaching out again with more information as our plan develops. We look forward to hearing from all stakeholders who may be affected. Please contact us at 1-888-866-2959 or stakeholder.relations@aeso.ca if you wish to discuss this information further.

Yours truly,



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