

January 18, 2017

Dear Stakeholder:

Re: **Update on PBEC, GLEC and ECW Components of the Southern Alberta Transmission Reinforcement (SATR)**

The Alberta Utilities Commission (Commission) approved the AESO's application for the Southern Alberta Transmission Reinforcement (SATR) in 2009. Since then, the AESO has updated stakeholders about various changes to SATR over time and most recently, published its [Southern Alberta Transmission Reinforcement Milestones and Monitoring Process Status Report in December 2016](#), in which the AESO advised that it would not proceed with the following three SATR components:

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

The AESO notes that while these three components of SATR will not proceed to construction, there remains a potential for renewable generation development in the area, which could necessitate future transmission development. The AESO will continue to monitor the potential for renewable generation development in the area and will seek approval of appropriate transmission developments, as needed.

Please contact us at 1-888-866-2959 or [stakeholder.relations@aeso.ca](mailto:stakeholder.relations@aeso.ca) if you wish to discuss this information further. You may also receive related information on the above projects from AltaLink, the Transmission Facilities Owner in the area, whom you may also wish to contact for further information.

Yours truly,



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