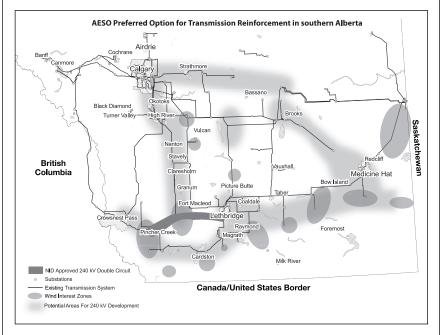
Notification of Regulatory Filing for Transmission Reinforcement in southern Alberta

The Alberta Electric System Operator advises you of its intention to file a Needs Identification Document with the Alberta Utilities Commission to reinforce the transmission system in southern Alberta.

The AESO has identified the need for reinforcing the transmission system in southern Alberta. The main driver of this need is interest in developing wind power throughout southern Alberta.



This map shows southern Alberta and existing transmission lines. Areas of wind interest are represented by ovals, and the areas where potential transmission development may occur are shaded. The area shaded the darkest represents the SW 240 kV need application, approved in 2005. The Facilities Application is currently before the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC).

The AESO presented this need, and alternatives to address it, to stakeholders throughout southern Alberta during a variety of participant involvement activities over the past year. The AESO weighed insights gathered from stakeholders with technical and cost considerations, and has decided to apply to the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) to have a 240 kV Loop system constructed. The AESO will file its application (the Needs Identification Document) by December 31, 2008.

Please note: The map does not identify potential line routes. Should the AUC approve the AESO's application, line routes will be developed through participant involvement activities and other study later in the regulatory process governing transmission development in Alberta.

Please visit our web site, www.aeso.ca for more information on this need, or contact the AESO at 1-888-866-2959 or stakeholder.relations@aeso.ca. A copy of the Needs Identification Document is available for download at http://www.aeso.ca/transmission/16386.html.

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