

APPENDIX C PARTICIPANT INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM (PIP)

Hughes 2030S Substation

Needs Identification Document

1.0 Participant Involvement Program (PIP)

From November 2015 to June 2016, the AESO conducted a Participant Involvement Program (PIP) to assist in preparing its Hughes 2030S Substation Needs Identification Document (NID). The AESO directed transmission facility owner (TFO), ATCO Electric Ltd. (ATCO), to assist the AESO in providing notification in accordance with Alberta Utilities Commission Rule 007.

1.1 Stakeholder Notification

The AESO's PIP was designed to notify and provide information to all occupants, residents and landowners within the notification area of the proposed development, as well as to other interested parties, including the following government bodies, agencies and other stakeholder groups (Stakeholders):

- Alberta Culture and Tourism
- Alberta Environment and Parks
- Alberta Transportation
- County of Grande Prairie
- Ducks Unlimited Canada
- Industry Canada
- Nav Canada – Land Use Department
- Peace River Regional Planning Commission
- Telus Communications Inc.
- The City of Grande Prairie
- Horse Lake First Nation
- Transport Canada Civil Aviation/Aerodrome Safety

The AESO used a variety of methods to notify Stakeholders on the need for the Hughes 2030S Substation connection. The AESO developed a one-page Need Overview document that described the need for the proposed transmission development. A copy of this document was posted to the AESO website at <http://www.aeso.ca/transmission/32951.html> on December 1, 2015 and a notice was published in the AESO Stakeholder Newsletter on December 1, 2015. Copies of the Need Overview posting and the AESO Stakeholder Newsletter notice have been included as Attachments 1 and 2, respectively.

The Need Overview was also included with ATCO's project-specific information package mailed and/or emailed between November 23, 2015 and April 25, 2016 to the Stakeholders noted above. Attachment 3 includes a copy of ATCO's project newsletter. It was also made available at the ATCO Grande Prairie Point of Delivery (POD) Project Open House held December 8, 2015 at the Redwood Inn and Suites in the City of Grande Prairie area.

To ensure that Stakeholders had the opportunity to provide feedback, the AESO also provided Stakeholders with a dedicated, toll-free telephone line (1-888-866-2959) and a dedicated email address (stakeholder.relations@aeso.ca). AESO contact information, along with the AESO's mailing address (2500, 330 5th Ave. SW, Calgary) and website address (www.aeso.ca), and a privacy statement that described how the AESO is committed to protecting Stakeholders' privacy, were included on the Need Overview related to this application.

As directed by the AESO, the TFO was prepared to direct any inquiries or concerns about the project need to the AESO. A small number of participants notified or consulted raised concerns regarding the AESO project need. ATCO Electric directed them to review the AESO Need Overview document that was included in the project notification materials and advised them to contact the AESO directly. The participants that raised concerns reviewed the distributed project information package, including the AESO Need Overview, and ATCO Electric advised the AESO that this resolved their concerns.

1.2 Public Notification

Most recently, the AESO published a Public Notification of NID Filing to the AESO website at <http://www.aeso.ca/transmission/32951.html> on June 6, 2016 and a notice in the AESO Stakeholder Newsletter on June 7, 2016. Copies of the Public Notification of NID Filing posting and the AESO Stakeholder Newsletter notice have been included as Attachments 4 and 5, respectively.

1.3 Concerns and Objections Raised

The AESO has not received any indication of concerns or objections from any party about the need for the proposed transmission development.

1.4 List of Attachments

- Attachment 1 – AESO Need Overview
- Attachment 2 – AESO Stakeholder Newsletter Need Overview Notice

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- Attachment 3 – ATCO’s Project Newsletter – *Grande Prairie Point of Delivery (POD) Transmission Project* (November 2015)
 - Attachment 4 – AESO Public Notification of NID Filing (AESO Website Posting)
 - Attachment 5 – AESO Stakeholder Newsletter NID Filing Notice

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Attachment 3 – ATCO’s Project Newsletter – *Grande Prairie Point of Delivery (POD) Transmission Project (November 2015)*

Attachment 4 – AESO Public Notification of NID Filing (AESO Website Posting)

Attachment 5 – AESO Stakeholder Newsletter NID Filing Notice