

# Need for the Suncor Forty Mile Wind Power Project Energy Connection in the Maleb area

*Suncor Energy Inc. (Suncor) has applied to the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) for transmission system access to connect its proposed Suncor Forty Mile Wind Power Project (Facility) in the Maleb area. Suncor's request can be met by the following solution:*

## > PROPOSED SOLUTION

- Modify the existing Whittle 251S substation, including adding a 240 kilovolt (kV) circuit breaker.
- Add a 240 kV transmission line to connect the Facility and the existing Whittle 251S substation.
- Add or modify associated equipment as required for the above transmission developments.

## > NEXT STEPS

- In late 2017, the AESO intends to submit a needs identification document (NID) to the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) for approval.
- Once submitted, the NID will be posted on the AESO's website at [www.aeso.ca/grid/projects/](http://www.aeso.ca/grid/projects/)

*The following organizations have key roles and responsibilities in providing access to the transmission system:*

## > THE AESO:

- Must plan the transmission system and enable access to it for generators and other qualified customers.
- Is regulated by the AUC and must apply to the AUC for approval of its NID.

## > ALTALINK MANAGEMENT LTD.:

- Is the transmission facility owner in the Maleb area
- Is responsible for detailed siting and routing, constructing, operating and maintaining the associated transmission facilities
- Is regulated by the AUC and must apply to the AUC for approval of its transmission facilities applications

## > WHO IS THE AESO?

The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) plans and operates Alberta's electricity grid and wholesale electricity market safely, reliably and in the public interest of all Albertans. We are a not-for-profit organization with no financial interest or investment of any kind in the power industry.

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## FAST FACT

**Alberta's electric transmission system** comprises the towers, wires and related equipment that are a part of moving electricity from where it is generated to where it is used.

## > CONTACT US

We appreciate your views, both on the need for transmission system development and proposed transmission plans. If you have any questions or comments, please contact us directly.

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