

Date: May 28, 2021

Time: 9-11 a.m.

Location: Virtual

Company	Member
AltaLink Management Ltd.	Gary Hart
ATCO Ltd. (Canadian Utilities Limited)	Melanie Bayley
BluEarth Renewables	Grant Arnold
Capital Power	Brian Vaasjo
ENMAX Power Corporation	Wayne O'Connor
EPCOR	Stuart Lee
FortisAlberta Inc.	Janine Sullivan
Greengate Power Corporation	Dan Balaban
Heartland Generation	Robert Dutton
Suncor Energy Inc.	Tina Ackermans
TransAlta Corporation	John Kousinioris

Discussion Highlights

The meeting focused on three central themes that all CEOs believe will have a profound effect on the future of the electricity system – the electrification of the economy; the pace and adoption of new technologies; and, the costs associated with modernizing the grid of the future.

The conversation covered the entire electricity value chain with some CEOs expressing the challenges of the local distribution system to accommodate a massive influx of electric vehicles (EVs), while others discussed the grid-scale influx of larger renewable facilities to Alberta and the implications of new carbon policies. Some CEOs outlined how the global push for decarbonization might have implications to Alberta's natural gas generation fleet and that reliability must always be maintained. Central to all areas of the conversation was the cost implications for consumers and a recognition that information and education are key to ensuring society understands the cost of the pending energy transition.

Next Steps

CEOs agreed that to tackle the changes and capitalize on the opportunities in the electricity sector, greater collaboration would be needed. Members agreed to consider how to leverage off the AESO's current CEO Roundtable, recognizing the forum was valuable and should continue.