



Wednesday, October 08, 2008

Dear Stakeholders:

**Re: Southern Alberta System Reinforcement Update**

As you are aware, we are presently working on the 10-Year Transmission Planning study for southern Alberta. The purpose of this letter is to provide an update on the status of this study.

To date, we have completed the two rounds of open houses planned for this study. The results of the Alberta Electric System Operator's (AESO) most recent round of open houses is available on our website. Technical information can be found in the Need Identification Results document which was posted to our website on September 8, 2008 ([http://www.aeso.ca/downloads/SouthAB\\_Need-sep5\\_Final.pdf](http://www.aeso.ca/downloads/SouthAB_Need-sep5_Final.pdf)). We have also posted the Alternative Development and Screening document in the Project Information folder ([http://www.aeso.ca/downloads/Southern\\_AB\\_Planning\\_Study.pdf](http://www.aeso.ca/downloads/Southern_AB_Planning_Study.pdf)). This document is based on information shared with stakeholders at our two rounds of open houses. Should you have any additional comments or questions, please forward them to **Matt Gray, Communications Advisor** via email at [matt.gray@aeso.ca](mailto:matt.gray@aeso.ca) by **Monday, October 20, 2008**.

Presently, we are working on the detailed technical analysis for the southern Alberta transmission alternatives. The cost estimates have been completed and the economic analysis will commence next week. We are also working on the Land Impact Assessment (LIA) for all four transmission alternatives. The draft LIA report is scheduled to be completed by the end of October. Based on the social, technical and economic impacts of each alternative, a recommendation will be made in early November and will be included in the Alternative Assessment and Recommendation document which will be published around the same time. Our goal is to file the southern Alberta system reinforcement Needs Identification Document (NID) by the end of this year.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude for the valuable feedback provided to us by our stakeholders and look forward to your continuing participation in the process.

Yours truly,

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