

Participant Involvement Program Summary

Lethbridge Transmission Development

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1. Introduction

Between June and August 2026, the AESO conducted a participant involvement program (PIP) for the *Lethbridge Transmission Development* (the Project) in accordance with the requirements of Section 7.1.1, NID 6 and Appendix A2 of the Alberta Utilities Commission (Commission) Rule 007: *Facility Applications* (AUC Rule 007), effective November 6, 2025.

The AESO's PIP is designed to notify Stakeholders and Indigenous groups in the area where the AESO has reasonably determined that facilities could be installed to implement the AESO's preferred option to address the identified need for the Project. The AESO notified Landowners, residents and occupants, municipal districts and counties, Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) of Alberta (collectively referred to as Stakeholders), and Indigenous groups within the notification area.

2. Stakeholder and Indigenous Group Notification

The AESO developed a Project Overview Newsletter document with the purpose of notifying Stakeholders and Indigenous groups of the following items:

- a description of the need for the Project;
- the preferred technical solution to respond to the need;
- identification of the general area where facilities could be installed to implement the AESO's Preferred Transmission Development option;
- the AESO's contact information, including telephone, email and website, for further information; and
- the AESO's next steps.

The Overview Newsletter was posted to the AESO website at <https://www.aeso.ca/grid/transmission-projects/lethbridge-transmission-development/> on June 22, 2026, and a notice was published in the AESO Stakeholder Newsletter on June 30, 2026. The Overview Newsletter was also included in the AESO notification package that was distributed to Stakeholders and Indigenous groups, as further described in sections 2.2 and 2.3. In addition to the Overview Newsletter, each notification package contained a cover letter or email, and an AUC Brochure (Attachment 1). The AESO Stakeholder Newsletter notice has been included as Attachment 2.

2.1 Municipal Districts and Counties

On June 22, 2026, notification was sent by email to representatives for the following municipal districts and counties:

- City of Lethbridge
- Lethbridge County

The AESO provided notification to this group in advance of others so they would be prepared for any possible inquiries from constituents once broader notification occurred. A generic version of this email notification has been included as Attachment 3.

2.2 Indigenous Groups

Eight Indigenous groups within the notification area were identified and notification was sent by email via third-party consultant on June 24, 2026, to the following groups:

- Blood Tribe
- Piikani Nation
- Siksika Nation
- Stoney Nakoda First Nations
- Tsuut'ina Nation
- Otipemisiwak Métis Government - Foothills Métis District
- Otipemisiwak Métis Government - Battle River Territory
- Otipemisiwak Métis Government - Consultation & Engagement Department

2.3 Landowners, Residents and Occupants

As the Preferred Transmission Development involves work taking place entirely within the existing right-of-way for transmission line 207L, the AESO contracted a third-party land services company to pull land title information to identify and notify potentially affected stakeholders within the first row of development surrounding the existing 207L transmission line.¹

Notification packages were distributed by mail on June 26, 2026, to a total of 66 Stakeholders, of which 59 were classified as private or individual landowners, residents, or occupants. The other 7 notified Stakeholders are listed below:

- AltaLink Management Ltd.
- Canadian Pacific Limited c/o Canadian Pacific Kansas City Limited
- Canadian Western Natural Gas Company Limited c/o ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd.
- Gemini Property & Land Developments Ltd.
- Lafarge Canada Inc. Attn: Real Property Tax Manager
- Honey Holdings Ltd.
- The City of Lethbridge

2.4 Newspaper Advertisement

Between June 30 and August 18, 2026, the AESO placed advertisements about this project in the following newspapers:

- Coaldale Sunny South News
 - Tuesday, June 30, 2026
 - Tuesday, July 7, 2026
- Lethbridge Herald
 - Tuesday, June 30, 2026
 - Tuesday, July 7, 2026
 - Tuesday, July 14, 2026

¹ The AESO PIP notification strategy was based on the *Overhead or underground transmission line and/or new substation development and/or substation upgrades and/or minor transmission line replacements within the original right-of-way – urban* as categorized in AUC Rule 007: *Facility Applications*, Appendix A1, Section 5.

- Tuesday, July 21, 2026
- Tuesday, July 28, 2026
- Tuesday, August 4, 2026
- Tuesday, August 11, 2026
- Tuesday, August 18, 2026

The newspaper advertisement has been included as Attachment 4.

2.5 Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) of Alberta

On August 26, 2026, notification was sent by email to the following provincial government representatives:

- MLA for Lethbridge-East
- MLA for Lethbridge-West

A sample of the email notification has been included as Attachment 5.

2.6 Notification Summary

The AESO notified eight Indigenous groups and 70 Stakeholders, of which 59 were classified as private. Overall, notification can be considered complete on August 26, 2026.

3. Notice of ANAP Consideration

Most recently, the AESO notified Stakeholders of its intention to consider the need for the Project to be approved under the AESO's Abbreviated Needs Approval Process (ANAP) by posting a Notification of ANAP Consideration to the AESO website at <https://www.aeso.ca/grid/transmission-projects/lethbridge-transmission-development/> and publishing notice in the AESO Stakeholder Newsletter on September 29, 2026. Copies of the Notification of ANAP Consideration posting and the associated AESO Stakeholder Newsletter notice have been included as Attachments 6 and 7, respectively.

4. Responding to Questions and Concerns

To ensure that stakeholders and Indigenous groups had the opportunity to provide feedback, the AESO provided contact information, including a dedicated, toll-free telephone line (1-888-866-2959) and email address (stakeholder.relations@aeso.ca). The AESO Overview Newsletter included this contact information, along with the AESO's mailing address (3000, 240 4th Ave. SW, Calgary) and website address (www.aeso.ca).

4.1 Questions and Concerns Raised

One Indigenous group raised an inquiry related to clarification on who is responsible for identifying the need for transmission development, and who is responsible for consultation and engagement related to facility siting, routing, construction, operation and maintenance during any future notification or engagement relating to a Facility Application. The AESO provided clarification and distinction between AESO and TFO responsibilities via email.

The AESO did not receive any other inquiries about the Project and does not have any indication of concerns or objections to the AESO's preferred option or the need for this Project.

5. List of Attachments

- Attachment 1 – AESO Notification Package (June 2026)
- Attachment 2 – AESO Stakeholder Newsletter Notice (June 30, 2026)
- Attachment 3 – Municipal & County Government Email (June 22, 2026)
- Attachment 4 – Newspaper Advertisement (June - August 2026)
- Attachment 5 – Provincial Government Email (August 26, 2026)
- Attachment 6 – AESO Public Notification of ANAP Consideration Posting (September 29, 2026)
- Attachment 7 – AESO Stakeholder Newsletter Notice of ANAP Consideration (September 29, 2026)

Attachment 1 – AESO Notification Package (June 2026)



June 22, 2026

To Whom It May Concern,

Re: Subject: Lethbridge Transmission Development Overview

The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) is writing to provide you with the enclosed overview of the Lethbridge Transmission Development.

If there are any occupants or residents living on or using the subject lands who should also receive notification regarding this project, please notify AiM Land Services at your earliest convenience so that appropriate project notifications can be issued in accordance with Alberta Utilities Commission's Rule 007: Facility Applications requirements. Please forward the occupant/resident name and contact information to **AESO_Notifications@aimland.ca**.

Should you have questions related to this project, please contact **1-888-866-2959** or email **stakeholder.relations@aeso.ca**.

Sincerely,

Ata Rehman

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Director, Grid Planning & Operations Engineering



The transmission system in your area needs improvement



TRANSMISSION SYSTEM REINFORCEMENT IS NEEDED IN THE LETHBRIDGE AREA TO RELIABLY SERVE THE LOCAL DEMAND FOR ELECTRICITY

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED?

The existing 138 kilovolt (kV) transmission system serving the Lethbridge area is critical for carrying electricity into the region, supporting local electricity demand. As the Lethbridge area grows and the demand for electricity rises, the existing transmission system needs some upgrades in order to continue reliably serving the city and surrounding region.

During periods of high local electricity demand, the existing 138 kV transmission line 207L may become overloaded.

The Lethbridge Transmission Development includes upgrades of existing transmission infrastructure to address and improve the reliability of electricity services in the Lethbridge area.

IMPROVING RELIABILITY

The AESO's preferred solution includes:

- Upgrading the 138 kV 207L transmission line by replacing the existing conductors with higher capacity 138 kV conductors.
- Adding or modifying associated equipment as required for the above transmission developments.

What is a Conductor?

Conductors are metal wires that carry electric current at high voltages. Conductors are strung overhead, high above the ground, between metal structures or wooden poles.

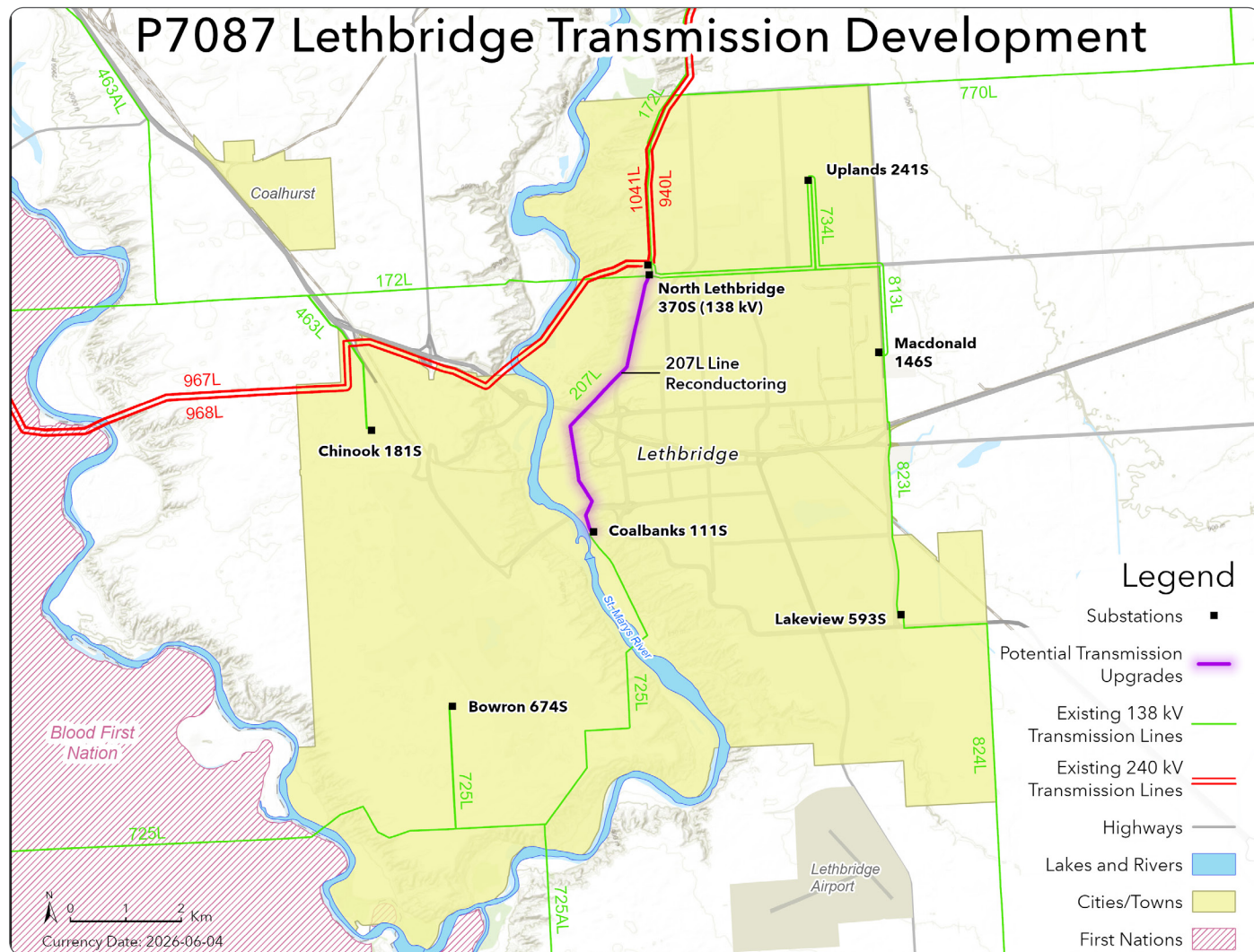
What is a Substation?

Substations contain high-voltage electrical equipment and are used to connect multiple circuits (transmission or distribution lines). Substations include transformers that change electrical voltage and circuit breakers that operate to disconnect or to change the electric connection between circuits.

Who is the AESO?

The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) plans and operates Alberta's electric transmission system. We study the transmission system to determine what future upgrades and expansions will be needed to continue to serve the province's growing power demands, and enable access to generators and other qualified customers.

The AESO is regulated by the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) and must obtain AUC approval of its determination of need for a proposed transmission project, except where the project qualifies for approval under section 501.3 of the ISO Rules (the Abbreviated Needs Approval Process, or ANAP).



TFO ROLES

Transmission facility owners (TFOs) are companies that build, operate and maintain the transmission system in our province. While the AESO is responsible for identifying the need for transmission development and proposed transmission development to meet that need, TFOs are responsible for detailed siting and routing, constructing, operating and maintaining the associated transmission facilities within their service territories.

Within the project area, AltaLink owns and operates the transmission infrastructure and will be responsible for applying to the AUC for approval of the proposed transmission upgrades.

NEXT STEPS

- The AESO intends to consider the need for this project for approval under section 501.3 of the ISO rules, Abbreviated Needs Approval Process (ANAP) in late 2026.
- The AESO will notify stakeholders and post supporting documents on www.aeso.ca/grid/transmission-projects prior to making its ANAP decision.
- If the AESO does not approve the need for this project under ANAP, we may submit a needs identification document (NID) application to the AUC for approval of the need for this project.
- AltaLink will submit an application to the AUC for approval of the proposed transmission upgrades.

Detailed and up to date project information will be shared on the AESO website as it becomes available: www.aeso.ca/P7087

Will you be affected?

If you are receiving this information, you live, own land or operate your business in an area where existing transmission facilities may be upgraded.



HAVE QUESTIONS OR INPUT?

Contact us at
stakeholder.relations@aeso.ca or
 1-888-866-2959



Participating in the AUC's independent review process to consider facility applications

www.auc.ab.ca

The AUC regulatory review process to consider facility applications for utility projects



The AUC uses an established process to review social, economic and environmental impacts of facility projects to decide if approval of a project is in the public interest.

The AUC considers applications requesting approval of the need for transmission development and facilities applications seeking approval to construct, operate, alter and decommission electric and natural gas facilities. Applications, as specified in AUC Rule 007, are required for:

- The need for transmission upgrades.
- The route and location of transmission facilities.
- The siting of power plants.
- The construction of a battery storage system.
- The designation of an industrial system.
- The need for and siting of natural gas utility pipelines.

Sometimes the Alberta Electric System Operator's needs identification document application is considered together with a facility application in a single proceeding; sometimes separate proceedings are held to consider each application.

Application review process



- Step 1: Public consultation prior to applying to the AUC
- Step 2: Application filed to the AUC
- Step 3: Public notice
- Step 4: Public submissions to the AUC
- Step 5: Consultation and negotiation
- Step 6: The public hearing process
- Step 7: The decision
- Step 8: Opportunity to appeal
- Step 9: Construction, operation and compliance

Application review process

Step 1: Public consultation prior to applying to the AUC



An applicant seeking approval of a proposed utility development project is required to engage in a participant involvement program prior to filing an application with the AUC. The public involvement program involves consultation with persons whose rights may be directly and adversely affected by the proposed project so that concerns may be raised, addressed and, if possible, resolved.

The application guidelines and requirements for facility applications can be found in AUC Rule 007: *Facility Applications*.

Potentially affected parties are strongly encouraged to participate in the public consultation, also called a participant involvement program. Early, active and ongoing discussions with an applicant may lead to greater influence on project planning and what is submitted to the AUC for approval.

Step 2: Application filed to the AUC



When the applicant has concluded its consultation with potentially affected parties and the participant involvement requirements have been completed, the applicant files its application through the AUC online public filing system, called the eFiling System.

AUC staff members review each application submitted to verify that all of the application requirements in Rule 007 have been met before an application is deemed complete. If all of the required information is not provided, the application may be closed or missing information will be requested of the applicant. Rule 007 specifies, among other requirements, that applicants must submit the results of a public involvement program in its application that includes information about how applicants consulted and notified stakeholders and Indigenous groups and identifies any unresolved objections and concerns about the project.

Step 3: Public notice



When the AUC receives an application it is assigned a proceeding number and the AUC generally mails a notice of application directly to those who live, operate a business or occupy land in the project area who may be directly and adversely affected if the AUC approves the application. The notice initiates the opportunity for formal intervention in the proceeding to consider an application or applications. The notice of application will also set out important dates and information about where to find the application and other items being considered. The five-digit eFiling System proceeding number in the notice is the most efficient way to find information about a proposed project through the AUC website.

Step 4: Public submissions to the AUC



Prior to the submission deadline provided in the notice, formal submissions of outstanding concerns and unresolved objections about a project may be submitted to the AUC. To submit a concern, participants will need to register to participate in the proceeding, which involves providing a brief written statement called a statement of intent to participate. Submissions are filed electronically through the eFiling System. The information filed becomes part of the public record and is an important part of the process to ensure that outstanding concerns are heard, understood and considered.

The AUC uses the information gathered through statement of intent to participate submissions to decide whether to hold a hearing on the application(s). The AUC must hold a hearing if a concerned person can demonstrate that they have rights that may be directly or adversely affected by the AUC's decision on the application. Such a person is said to have standing before the AUC. If the AUC decides to hold a hearing, the AUC will provide further opportunities for participants with standing to ask the applicant questions on the public record and present their position on the application either in writing or in person. Hearings may be held in writing, in person or virtually through web-conference software.

AUC eFiling System

The eFiling System is the online tool that the AUC uses to manage applications and submissions in its proceeding-based review. The eFiling System gives access to all public documents associated with an application. The system is also used to submit your concerns and provide input to the AUC and can be used to monitor related proceeding filings. Those who do not have access to the internet can send submissions, evidence and other material by mail and the AUC will upload the submission on their behalf.

Step 5: Consultation and negotiation (if applicable)



The AUC supports efforts to reach a mutually agreeable outcome among the applicant and affected parties. The AUC encourages the applicant and those who have filed a statement of intent to participate to continue to attempt to resolve any outstanding issues. If all concerns can be satisfactorily resolved this may eliminate the need for a formal hearing. However, if there continues to be unresolved issues, those matters will typically be addressed in an AUC hearing.

Step 6: The public hearing process



The AUC will issue a notice of hearing if a person with standing continues to have legitimate unresolved concerns with the application. The notice of hearing will provide a hearing date and location, or specify if the hearing will be held in writing or virtually. When the AUC holds a public hearing, registered parties are given the opportunity to express their views directly to a panel of Commission members. Any member of the public can listen to an in-person or virtual oral hearing. An oral public hearing operates similar to a court proceeding.

Participants in a hearing can either represent themselves or be represented by a lawyer. In addition, participants may hire experts to assist in preparing and presenting evidence to support their position.

Cost assistance



A person determined by the AUC to have standing or a local intervener can apply for reimbursement of reasonable costs. Those who hire a lawyer or experts/consultants must be aware that while reimbursement for the costs of legal and technical assistance is available under AUC Rule 009: *Rules on Intervener Costs*, recovery of costs is subject to the AUC's assessment of the value of the contribution provided by the lawyer and or experts/consultants in assisting the AUC to understand the specifics of the case. It is also subject to the AUC's published scale of costs.

People with similar interests and positions are expected and encouraged to work together to ensure that expenditures for legal or experts/consultants are minimized and costs are not duplicated.

Step 7: The decision



The AUC's goal is to issue its written decision no more than 90 days after the close of record. The AUC can approve, or deny an application and can also make its approval conditional upon terms or conditions. AUC decisions are publicly available through the AUC website at www.auc.ab.ca.

Step 8: Opportunity to appeal



An applicant or participant in a proceeding may formally ask the Court of Appeal of Alberta for permission to appeal an AUC decision. An application for permission to appeal must be filed within 30 days from the date the decision is issued.

An applicant or participant in a proceeding can also ask the AUC to review its decision. An application to review a decision must be filed within 30 days from the date the decision is issued and satisfy the limited grounds described in AUC Rule 016: *Review of Commission Decisions*.

Step 9: Construction, operation and compliance



An applicant that receives approval to build and operate a facility from the AUC is expected to follow through on any commitments it has made to parties and must adhere to any conditions that were set out in that approval. If concerns about compliance with approval conditions and post-construction operations cannot be resolved with the applicant, they can be brought to the AUC's attention for consideration. The AUC has significant compliance and enforcement powers for all approved applications. Additional information is available on the AUC website.

The Alberta Utilities Commission is an independent, quasi-judicial agency of the government of Alberta that ensures the delivery of Alberta's utility services take place in a manner that is fair, responsible and in the public interest.

We are committed to ensuring that Albertans whose rights may be directly and adversely affected by a utility development project are informed of the application and have the opportunity to have their concerns heard, understood and considered.



Contact us

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1-833-511-4282 (outside Alberta)
info@auc.ab.ca
www.auc.ab.ca

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Calgary, Alberta T2P 0G5

Attachment 2 – AESO Stakeholder Newsletter Notice (June 30, 2026)

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Project Overview Newsletter | Lethbridge Transmission Development

Transmission system reinforcement is needed in the Lethbridge area to reliably serve the local demand for electricity.

[Click here to view the proposed transmission development](#) and the [Overview Newsletter document](#)

Attachment 3 – Municipal & County Government Email (June 22, 2026)

From: [Stakeholder Relations](#)
To: mailbox@lethcounty.ca
Subject: Lethbridge Transmission Development Overview
Date: Monday, June 22, 2026 11:04:14 AM
Attachments: [Lethbridge-Overview-Newsletter-June2026.pdf](#)
[image002.png](#)

Greetings,

The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) is writing to provide you with the enclosed project overview of the **Lethbridge Transmission Development**. We will send the attached materials next week to stakeholders, including landowners, residents and businesses within 200 metres of the proposed work area. You can find more information at www.aeso.ca/grid/transmission-projects/lethbridge-transmission-development/.

Please feel free to forward this information to others within your organization or network who may have an interest in this project.

Should you or any of your community members have questions related to this project, please contact 1-888-866-2959 or email stakeholder.relations@aes0.ca. If required, we can arrange a meeting to provide further clarification.

Sincerely,

Ata Rehman

Vice President, Grid Planning & Services

Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO)



Attachment 4 – Newspaper Advertisement (June - August 2026)

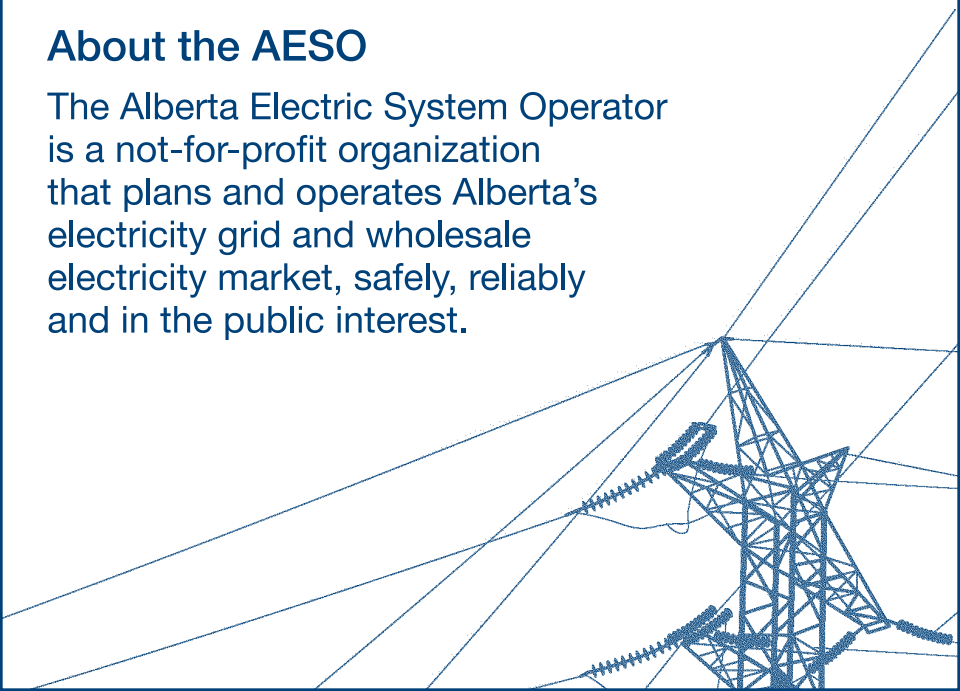
Transmission development needed in your area

The existing transmission system needs upgrades to continue reliably serving Lethbridge and surrounding area.

To understand how this may impact you, visit www.aeso.ca/P7087

About the AESO

The Alberta Electric System Operator is a not-for-profit organization that plans and operates Alberta's electricity grid and wholesale electricity market, safely, reliably and in the public interest.



Attachment 5 - Provincial Government Email (August 26, 2026)

From: [Stakeholder Relations](#)
To: Lethbridge.west@assembly.ab.ca
Subject: Lethbridge Transmission Development Overview
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2026 11:31:45 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[Lethbridge-Overview-Newsletter-June2026.pdf](#)

Hello,

The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) is writing to provide you with the enclosed project overview of the **Lethbridge Transmission Development**. Due to a clerical oversight, you were not included in our original notification distribution earlier this summer. Please accept our apologies.

For your awareness, we sent the attached project overview to stakeholders, including landowners, residents and businesses within 200 metres of the proposed work area at the end of June. You can find more information at www.aeso.ca/grid/transmission-projects/lethbridge-transmission-development/. We did not receive any inquiries from residents, occupants, businesses or from county/municipal contacts.

Should you have any questions, please contact us at 1-888-866-2959 or stakeholder.relations@aeso.ca.

Sincerely,

Ata Rehman
Vice President, Grid Planning & Services
Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO)



Attachment 6 - AESO Public Notification of ANAP Consideration Posting (September 29, 2026)

Lethbridge Transmission Development (7087)

Abbreviated Needs Approval Process: Notice of Consideration

The AESO intends to consider the need for the Lethbridge Transmission Development for approval under Section 501.3 of the ISO rules, *Abbreviated Needs Approval Process*, (ANAP Rule) on or after October 14, 2026. If stakeholders have any questions or concerns, please contact the AESO before this date.

The AESO has determined that the Project is eligible for consideration under the ANAP Rule because the following eligibility criteria have been met:

- System project costs are estimated to be \$6M.
- the AESO has completed a participant involvement program (PIP) in accordance with the guidelines in Alberta Utilities Commission Rule 007: *Facility Applications*;
- the Project is not anticipated to result in significant environmental effects; and
- No concerns or objections with the need for the Project have been raised. Prior to making its approval decision, the AESO will address additional stakeholder concerns that arise, if any.

Supporting information about this Project is available in the following documents:

- AESO Forecast Appendix
- AESO Planning Report
- AltaLink and City of Lethbridge Cost Estimates
- AltaLink Environment and Land Use Assessment
- City of Lethbridge Environment and Land Use Assessment
- AltaLink Environmental Effects Screening Form
- AESO PIP Summary

Attachment 7 – AESO Stakeholder Newsletter Notice of ANAP Consideration (September 29, 2026)

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Abbreviated Needs Approval Process | Lethbridge Transmission Development

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[Click here to view the proposed transmission development](#) and the [Overview Newsletter](#) document.