

Armitage 949S and Transmission Line Development - Need for transmission system development in Hanna Area

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Why is transmission system development needed in the Hanna Area

TransCanada Corporation is developing the Keystone XL Pipeline (KXL) that will transport oil to refining markets. The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) has confirmed that a new 144/6.9 kilovolt (kV) substation can be connected to the transmission system to serve electricity demand for KXL's Oyen South pump station # 4. The proposed Armitage 949S substation would be connected to the transmission system by a 144 kV single-circuit transmission line (7L150).

The AESO intends to apply to the Alberta Utilities Commission AUC for approval of the need identified for transmission development in the Hanna Area in November 2010.

Who is the AESO?

Alberta's transmission system, sometimes referred to as the Alberta Interconnected Electric System (AIES) or "grid," is planned and operated by the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO). The transmission system is comprised of the high-voltage lines, towers and equipment that transmit electricity from generators to lower voltage systems that distribute it to cities, towns, rural areas and large industrial customers. Our job is to maintain safe, reliable and economic operation of the provincial transmission grid. Our planning responsibility includes identifying needed transmission reinforcement and recommending preferred options to meet these needs. We are regulated by the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) and must apply for approval of the transmission system needs we identify. Further, the AESO is also mandated to facilitate the interconnection of qualified electricity generators and new load customers to the provincial transmission grid.

How is ATCO Electric involved?

ATCO Electric is the transmission facility owner (TFO) in Hanna Area. While the AESO is responsible for determining the need for transmission system reinforcement, ATCO Electric, when directed by the AESO, is responsible for filing an application with the AUC for approval of the transmission facilities that will satisfy the transmission system reinforcement need identified by the AESO.

The AESO appreciates the views of stakeholders. Your comments and suggestions on the plan for transmission system development are encouraged. If you have any questions or suggestions regarding the need for transmission system development in the Hanna Area or the AESO's application regarding this need, please contact:

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