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Dear Stakeholder:

Re: AESO releases [Future Demand and Energy Outlook \(2009 – 2029\)](#)

Today the AESO released its annual [Future Demand and Energy Outlook \(2009 – 2029\)](#). The report includes a 20-year peak load and electricity consumption forecast for the province and is a key input into the AESO's long term transmission system plan.

The 2009 long-term forecast shows slightly lower load growth compared to the 2008 forecast due to lower oilsands and upgrading loads. However, peak demand growth in Alberta is expected to average 3.3% annually for next 20 years driven by continued development of Alberta's oilsands. Expectations of long term growth remain robust and underline the continued need for critical infrastructure projects in order to provide access for generation and load customers to an unconstrained transmission system.

If you have any questions regarding the *Future Demand and Energy Outlook (2009 – 2029)*, please contact me at ph: 403-539-2580 or e-mail jeff.nish@aeso.ca. Alternatively please contact LaRhonda Papworth, Supervisor, Long Term Load Forecasting at ph: 403-539-2555 or e-mail larhonda.papworth@aeso.ca or forecast@aeso.ca.

Yours truly,

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