



December 3, 2008

Dear Stakeholder:

Re: Potential Transmission Development in Yellowhead and surrounding areas

The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) is responsible for the safe, reliable and economic planning and operation of the Alberta Interconnected Electric System (AIES). The AESO's long term forecast for electrical load growth in the Drayton Valley, Edson/Hinton and Alberta Beach areas indicate demand for electricity to increase by approximately 33 per cent over the next nine years.

To assist in meeting growing electricity needs in these areas, we have identified a need to reinforce the transmission system between the substations in Drayton Valley, Edson/Hinton and Alberta Beach Areas to facilitate the connection of the Alberta Interconnected Electric System.

The AESO is currently developing a Needs Identification Document (NID) for the transmission facilities that will be required for this project and requests your input. The AESO plans to file the NID with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC).

I have enclosed background information about the project. At this time, no final decisions have been made.

If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns, please contact:

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We are committed to a consultation process founded upon principles of fairness, openness and transparency. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Pung Toy', is written over a large, faint, stylized graphic in the background of the letter. The graphic consists of several overlapping, curved, wave-like shapes that resemble a stylized sun or a series of concentric arcs.

Pung Toy, P.Eng.
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