



March 15th, 2007

Re: Heartland Transmission Development Presentation for Industry, March 23

The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) is responsible for the safe, reliable, and economic planning and operation of the Alberta Interconnected Electric System. As such, we have identified current and future proposals for bitumen upgraders in the Alberta Industrial Heartland area as having the potential to significantly increase electricity demand over the next five to seven years.

This increase in demand will require major transmission reinforcement into the Fort Saskatchewan area by 2009/2010; including, conceivably, a major 500 kV transmission facility.

I'd like to invite you to a presentation and information session being hosted by the AESO; to provide more details on our potential plans for the Heartland area :

Friday March 23, 2007
Normandy Room, Legion Hall
9964 93rd Ave
Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta
9:00am Start Time

This invitation is being extended to all Chief Administrative Officers from the Heartland Association municipalities, all members of the Strathcona Industrial Association and the Northeast capital Industrial Association and all elected members of municipal Councils in Bon Accord, Bruderheim, Edmonton, Fort Saskatchewan, Gibbons, Lamont County, the Town of Lamont, Morinville, Redwater, Strathcona County and Sturgeon County. All Heartland area MLA's are also being invited.

If you have any questions or would like to make comments prior to the briefing please contact Doug Downs in our Communications Department at 403.539.2546 or doug.downs@aeso.ca

I look forward to meeting with you to further discuss transmission planning in the Heartland area.

Sincerely,

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Vice-President, Transmission

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