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Dear Stakeholders:

Re: Draft Northeast Alberta Load Forecast

The oil sands industry is forecasted to have significant growth in Northeast Alberta and will create a need for new electricity infrastructure development. A forecast of the load and generation potential is necessary to comprehend the transmission service requirements for the region.

The AESO has developed a draft load forecast for Northeast Alberta ([please click here to view the document](#)) as we move forward in developing an area transmission plan. This forecast relates to the Heartland Transmission Development Study currently underway.

The AESO would like to request written comments and questions on this document to be submitted directly to brandy.eagleson@aeso.ca *on or before May 16, 2007*. The AESO appreciates your feedback and will respond to questions and incorporate feedback received into the document.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above information, please do not hesitate to contact Brandy Eagleson at (403) 539-2773 or via e-mail at brandy.eagleson@aeso.ca.

Yours truly,

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