



Potential transmission reinforcement in the Pincher Creek area

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Who is the AESO?

The Alberta Interconnected Electric System (AIES), our province's electricity transmission system or "grid," is planned and operated by the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO). This network of higher-voltage transmission lines, towers and equipment carries ('transmits') electricity from generators to large industrial customers as well as lower-voltage systems that distribute it to cities, towns and rural areas. Our job is to maintain safe, reliable and economic operations on the provincial transmission grid.

Why is transmission system reinforcement needed for the Pincher Creek area?

There is a significant number of wind power generating facilities requesting connection to the transmission system. The AESO has verified the need to reinforce the transmission system in the Pincher Creek area in order to supply this service.

What kind of electric transmission reinforcement is needed?

The AESO is sending you an update on this project. The AESO has identified the need for a new 240/138kV substation, two 240 kV transmission lines and two 138 kV transmission lines to reinforce the transmission system in the Pincher Creek region. The new 240 kV lines (approximately 15 km) will be terminated at the Goose Lake 103S and at the new Fidler 312S substation. The need for the new 240 kV lines was approved by the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) in 2009 as part of the AESO Southern Alberta Transmission Reinforcement (SATR) Project. The 138 kV lines in the area will be re-terminated at the Fidler 312S substation. Originally the AESO had proposed to decommission 893L from Goose Lake to Oldman River Hydro generating station. In response to stakeholders' concerns, the AESO has revised the proposed development with respect to 893L and removed the proposal to decommission the line from this need application.

How is AltaLink involved?

AltaLink Management Ltd. is the Transmission Facility Owner ("TFO") in the Pincher Creek area. While the AESO is responsible for determining the need for transmission system reinforcement, AltaLink, when directed by the AESO, is responsible for filing an application with the AUC for the facilities (e.g., lines, substations and towers) that will satisfy the transmission system reinforcement need identified by the AESO.

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

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The AESO intends to apply to the AUC for approval of the need identified for transmission reinforcement in the Pincher Creek area in June 2010.

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