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Dear Stakeholders:

Re: Future Demand and Energy Requirements (2006-2027) and on-going load forecasting activities

Today the AESO is releasing the annual *Future Demand and Energy Requirements* report. It was developed based on information that was current in mid-2006.

At the same time, the AESO has recently become aware of new information with respect to one of the main drivers behind load growth (i.e. Alberta's gross domestic product) and updated information about oil sands development projects. We have therefore decided to conduct a series of load forecast scenarios, beginning with one for the northeast and one for Calgary, to give this information proper consideration. This is a departure from our statements at the 10-Year Transmission System Plan Stakeholder meeting on September 7, 2006.

If you have any questions regarding either the *Future Demands and Energy Requirements* (2006-2027), or the additional load forecast scenarios that the AESO is working on, please contact me at (403) 539-2753 or via e-mail at kevin.gibson@aeso.ca. Alternatively you can contact our senior analyst, economics, LaRhonda Papworth, at (403) 539-2555 or larhonda.papworth@aeso.ca.

Yours truly,

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