Participant Involvement Program Summary

Oyen 2 Solar Project Connection

Date: July 28, 2026

Version: V1

Classification: Public

1. Introduction

From January 2026 to April 2026, the AESO conducted a Participant Involvement Program (PIP) for the *Oyen 2 Solar Project Connection Needs Identification Document*. The AESO directed the legal owner of transmission facilities (TFO), in this case ATCO Electric Ltd. (ATCO), to assist the AESO in providing notification as part of the AESO's PIP.

The AESO's PIP is designed to notify Stakeholders and Indigenous groups in the area where the AESO has reasonably determined that facilities could be installed to implement the AESO's preferred option to respond to the request for system access service.

The AESO's PIP has been conducted in accordance with the requirements of Section 7.1.2, NID12 and Appendix A2 of the current Alberta Utilities Commission (Commission) Rule 007 (AUC Rule 007), effective November 6, 2025.

2. Stakeholder Notification

The AESO developed a one-page AESO Need Overview document with the purpose of notifying Stakeholders of the following items:

- a description of the need for development;
- a description of the AESO's preferred option to respond to the system access service request;
- identification of the general area where facilities could be installed to implement the AESO's preferred option to respond to the system access service request;
- the AESO's contact information, including telephone, email and website, for further information; and
- the AESO's next steps.

A copy of the Need Overview was posted to the AESO website at https://www.aeso.ca/grid/transmission-projects/oyen-2-solar-project-connection/ and a notice was published in the AESO Stakeholder Newsletter on February 4, 2026. Copies of the Need Overview posting and the AESO Stakeholder Newsletter notice have been included as Attachments 1 and 2, respectively. The Need Overview was also included with the TFO's project-specific information package that was distributed to Stakeholder, as further described in Section 2.1.

2.1 Stakeholders Notified in the TFO's PIP

The TFO has advised the AESO that its PIP included notification within 800 meters of the proposed transmission line right-of-way and within 800 meters of the proposed substations' boundaries as recommended by the Commission in Appendix A1 in AUC Rule 007.[1]

The TFO notified a total of approximately 34 Stakeholders, of which 15 were classified as private or individual landowners. The other 19 notified Stakeholders are listed below:

- Alberta Environment and Protected Areas – Fish and Wildlife
- Buttes Resources Canada, Ltd c/o Conocophillips Canada Resources Corp.
- Calpine Canada Resources Ltd c/o Calpine Canada Resources Company
- Canlin Energy Corporation
- Direct Energy Marketing Limited
- Dry Country Gas Co-op Ltd
- Ducks Unlimited Canada
- King-Stevenson Gas & Oil Co c/o Apache Corporation
- Long Run Exploration Ltd

[1] ATCO has identified its facility application to be of the type: O*verhead transmission line and new substation development – rural or industrial setting* as categorized in AUC Rule 007: *Facility Applications,* Appendix A1, Section 5.

- Municipal District of Cereal No. 242 c/o Special Areas Board
- Municipal District of Golden Centre No. 272 c/o Special Areas Board
- NAV Canada
- Nuvista Energy Ltd
- Special Areas Board – Special Areas No. 3
- Spire Energy Ltd c/o Direct Energy Marketing Limited
- TAQA North Ltd
- TELUS Communications Inc
- UK Solar West Ltd c/o Universal Kraft Canada Renewables Ltd
- Universal Kraft Canada Inc.

Attachment 3 includes the TFO's project information package, which included the AESO Need Overview that was distributed to the Stakeholders described between January 28, 2026, and February 18, 2026. The TFO's project newsletter was posted on the TFO's project-specific webpage https://electric.atco.com/en-ca/about-us/projects/oyen-solar-west-transmission.html on January 28, 2026. The TFO's project newsletter included the AESO's contact information, a description of the AESO's role, a reference to the AESO Need Overview, and an invitation to contact the TFO or the AESO for additional information.

3. Stakeholders Notified by the AESO

The AESO determined that Market Participants in the AESO's Central Planning Region may have an interest in the Oyen 2 Solar Project Connection. The AESO identified that, under certain potential system conditions, market participants in the AESO's Central Planning Region may be affected following the connection of the Oyen 2 Solar Project Connection. A notice with a link to the applicable AESO regional congestion assessment was published in the AESO Stakeholder Newsletter and on the AESO website at https://www.aeso.ca/grid/transmission-projects/oyen-2-solar-project-connection/ on April 22, 2026.

A copy of the Market Participant Notification AESO Stakeholder Newsletter has been included as Attachment 4.

4. Responding to Questions and Concerns

To ensure that Stakeholders had the opportunity to provide feedback, the AESO provided Stakeholders with AESO contact information, including a dedicated, toll-free telephone line (1-888-866-2959) and a dedicated email address (stakeholder.relations@aeso.ca). The AESO Need Overview included this contact information, along with the AESO's mailing address (3000, 240 4th Ave. SW, Calgary) and website address (www.aeso.ca), and a privacy statement that described how the AESO is committed to protecting Stakeholders' privacy.

As directed by the AESO, the TFO was prepared to direct any Stakeholder questions addressed to the AESO, or questions regarding the AESO Need Overview, to the AESO.

5. Questions and Concerns Raised

The TFO has advised the AESO that none of the Stakeholders notified by the TFO identified any concerns or objections regarding the AESO's preferred option to respond to the system access service request or the need for development.

The AESO has not received any indication of concerns or objections about the AESO's preferred option to respond to the system access service request or the need for development.

6. List of Attachments

- Attachment 1 – AESO Need Overview (January 2026)
- Attachment 2 – AESO Stakeholder Newsletter Need Overview Notice (February 4, 2026)
- Attachment 3 – TFO Project Newsletter – Oyen Solar West Transmission Project (January 2026)
- Attachment 4 – AESO Market Participant Notification Stakeholder Newsletter (April 22, 2026)

Attachment 1 – AESO Need Overview (January 2026)

Need for the Oyen 2 Solar Project Connection

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Attachment 2 – AESO Stakeholder Newsletter Need Overview Notice (February 4, 2026)

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Need Overview | Oyen 2 Solar Project Connection

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Click here for more information or visit aeso.ca: Grid > Transmission Projects > Oyen 2 Solar Project Connection (2758).

Attachment 3 – TFO Project Newsletter – Oyen Solar West Transmission Project (January 2026)

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PROJECT NEWSLETTER

January 2026

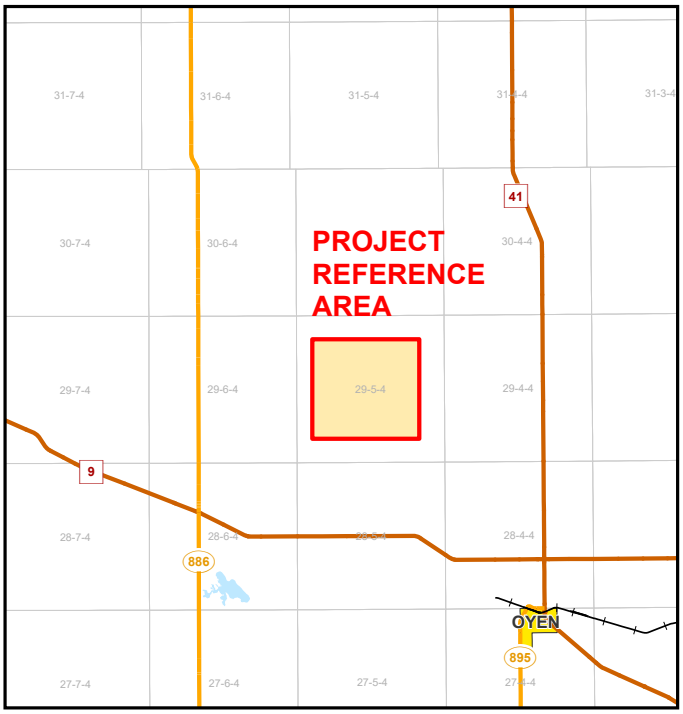
OYEN SOLAR WEST TRANSMISSION PROJECT

This newsletter provides you with information about electric transmission facilities being proposed in your area. This package provides project information and outlines our public consultation process. We invite any comments, questions, or concerns you may have.

The proposed ATCO Electric Ltd. (ATCO) Oyen Solar West Transmission Project (the Project) will be located approximately 19 kilometres (km) northwest of Oyen, Alberta and is needed to connect a new customer solar generation facility to the electrical grid.

If approved, the Project will include the construction of a new substation (to be called North Lanfine 1119S) and approximately 3 to 4 km of single-circuit 240 kilovolt (kV) transmission line (to be called 9L142) which will connect the customer's facilities to the proposed North Lanfine 1119S substation. The Project also requires alterations to existing transmission line 9L46 to connect the new facilities to the electrical grid.

ATCO is seeking your input on how this Project may affect you. If you are in direct vicinity of the proposed facility, ATCO will contact you in the coming weeks.



Project Need

The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) is an independent, not-for-profit organization responsible for the safe, reliable and economic planning and operation of the provincial transmission grid. For more information about why this project is needed, please refer to the AESO's Need Overview included with this package or visit www.aeso.ca.

If you have any questions or concerns about the need for this project or the proposed transmission development to meet the need, you may contact the AESO directly. You can also make your questions or concerns known to an ATCO representative who will collect your personal information for the purpose of addressing your questions and/ or concerns to the AESO. This process may include disclosure of your personal information to the AESO.

Included in this package:

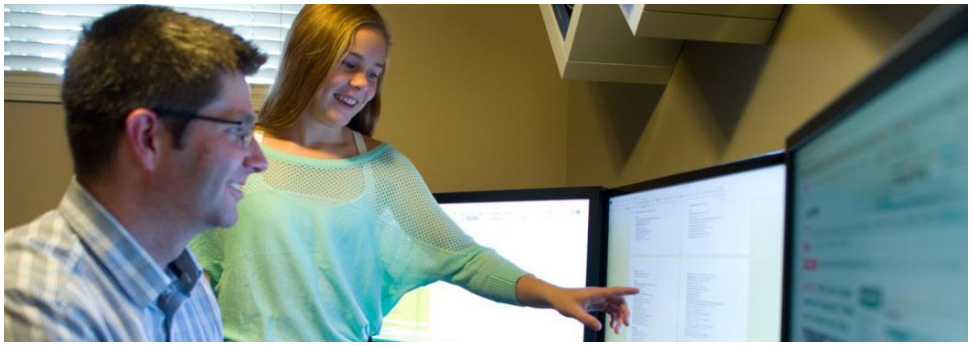
- Technical Details
- Proposed Route Mosaic Map
- AUC Brochure: *Participating in the AUC's independent review process to consider facility applications*
- AESO Need Overview
- Reply form and postage paid envelope

LOCAL BENEFITS

Upgrading the transmission system in your area will:

- Improve access to safe, secure and reliable power
- Allow future businesses to connect to Alberta's electric system
- Encourage investment in our province

If you are a local business and would like to be considered for approved vendors list, please contact us toll free at **1-800-668-2248**.



The Process

Our research indicates that you are in the vicinity of the proposed route concepts for the Oyen Solar West Transmission Project.

In the coming weeks, if you have an interest in lands located on or beside the proposed routes, you will be contacted by an ATCO representative to further discuss the project and to address any questions or concerns you may have. You can also provide feedback and share other information using the enclosed reply form and postage paid envelope.

Consultation with landholders routinely leads to improvements on our projects. We have adjusted project plans as a result of feedback and conversations with landholders.

When consultations have been completed, ATCO will submit a facility application to the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) to obtain approval for the construction and operation of the proposed facilities.

Transmission Routes

Prior to consultation with landholders, ATCO considers numerous constraints including:

- Environmentally sensitive areas
- Planned developments
- Construction and engineering constraints
- Existing infrastructure (i.e. other transmission lines, roads, highways, pipelines, telecommunication towers)
- Wetlands
- Quarter and section lines
- Other special consideration (i.e. access roads)

The enclosed map shows the proposed route concepts for this Project. New options may be developed in response to feedback, landholder consultations, and ongoing studies of the project area. Only one route will be selected and built.

THE SCHEDULE

1. Public consultation begins with sharing information about the project in order to find the best options.
2. We gather your input. Based on this input and other factors, route option(s) are selected.
3. ATCO submits an application to the AUC to build proposed facilities.
4. The AUC reviews the applications in a public process.
5. If approved, construction of the new facilities begins.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION
a continuous process that occurs throughout the life of the project

The Right-of-Way

The term right-of-way refers to the area a transmission line uses including areas on either side of the line. Rights-of-way must have a minimum width to ensure safety and ongoing access for maintenance.

For safety reasons, some general restrictions on the use of the land in direct vicinity of the transmission line may apply. These include setbacks for development.

Details including width and position of the right-of-way will depend on the type and size of the required structure, existing land use, surrounding features and other factors.

The right-of-way will follow property boundaries, if feasible, and in some situations, will follow existing features like a road, pipeline or another powerline.

The typical width of the right-of-way for this project is 34 metres.

Once a proposed route has been submitted to the AUC, ATCO begins coordinating agreements with the landholders to acquire rights-of-way. Once a right-of-way is constructed, landholders continue to use the right-of-way subject to the terms of agreements made between the landholder and ATCO.

Access Trails and Temporary Workspace

Access trails may be required in areas where terrain conditions or the presence of wetlands make driving along the right-of-way impractical. In some situations, access trails will be temporary. Permanent access trails may be needed for ongoing maintenance in some areas.

In addition, temporary workspace may be required along the edge of the right-of-way and in other selected locations. The exact location of temporary workspaces has yet to be determined. Arrangements for temporary workspace will be discussed and negotiated with landholders individually.

Project notification	Consultation begins	Application filed with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC)	If approval is granted, construction begins	Facilities completed and operating
JANUARY 2026	JANUARY 2026	MAY 2026	AUGUST 2027	AUGUST 2028

CONTACT INFORMATION

Your comments and concerns are important to us. Please contact us if you would like to learn more about this project or if you would like to share information with us.

- Call us toll free at: **1-855-420-5775**
  or
- Contact the planner directly:

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Regulatory Process

Alberta's electrical system is regulated by the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC). The AUC is an agency of the province that ensures the services provided by ATCO and other Alberta utilities take place in a fair and responsible manner and are in the public's interest. Before ATCO can begin construction on a project, the AUC must approve our facility application.

For more information about how you can participate in the approval process required by the AUC, please refer to the enclosed brochure entitled *Participating in the AUC's independent review process to consider facility applications.*

Next Steps

The consultation process for this Project is now underway. Please let us know if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions regarding this Project. You can provide feedback and share other information by contacting us (toll free) at **1-855-420-5775** or by email at consultation@atcoelectric.com.

To learn more about the Oyen Solar West Transmission Project, you can visit the project website at https://electric.atco.com/oyensolarwest.html.

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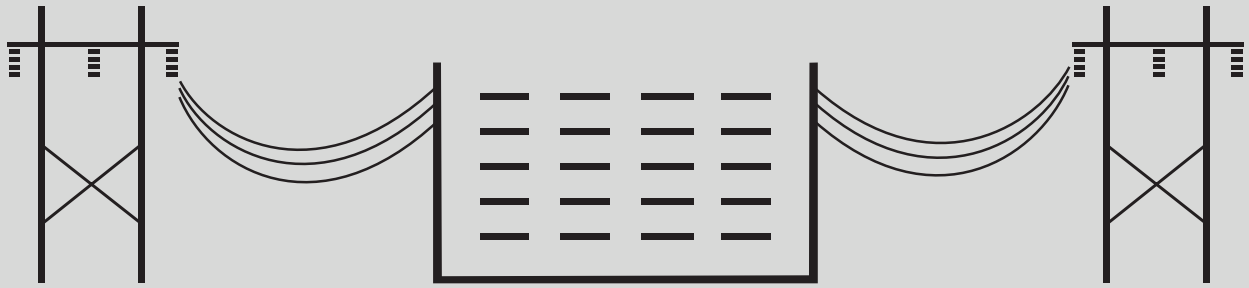
The Technical Details

PROJECT FACT SHEET

January 2026

OYEN SOLAR WEST TRANSMISSION PROJECT

The technical details of facilities associated with the Oyen Solar West Transmission Project are described in this fact sheet. Designs may vary as plans are finalized.



New 240 kV Transmission Line 9L142
Approximately 3 to 4 km of new single circuit 240 kV transmission line (to be called 9L142).

New North Lanfine 1119S Substation
The Project will require a new substation, located approximately 19 km northwest of the Oyen, Alberta.

Existing 240 kV Transmission Line 9L46
The Project will require alterations to the existing single-circuit 240 kV transmission line 9L46.

THE DETAILS

If approved, the new 9L142 transmission line will consist of:

- Three (3) sets of bundled conductor wires
- Wood pole H-frame structures
- One (1) overhead shield wire
- One (1) overhead optical ground wire

Transmission line 9L142 will connect the customer's proposed Robin 1135S substation to ATCO's proposed North Lanfine 1119S substation.

THE DETAILS

If approved, the new substation will include the following new equipment:

- One (1) 240 kV bus configuration
- Three (3) 240 kV circuit breakers with associated disconnect switches
- Three (3) 240 kV motorized disconnect switches
- Control building

Please refer to the back of this fact sheet for definitions.

THE DETAILS

If approved, existing transmission line 9L46 will be altered to connect the proposed North Lanfine 1119S substation in an in-and-out configuration.

The alignment change will include the construction of two extensions to transmission line 9L46, each connecting to the proposed North Lanfine 1119S substation. The portion of transmission line 9L46 south of the proposed substation will be renamed 9L205. The portion of existing line north of the proposed substation will remain named 9L46.

The proposed extensions will consist of steel monopole structures, three sets of bundled conductor wires, plus one overhead shield wire and one optical ground wire.

What It Will Look Like

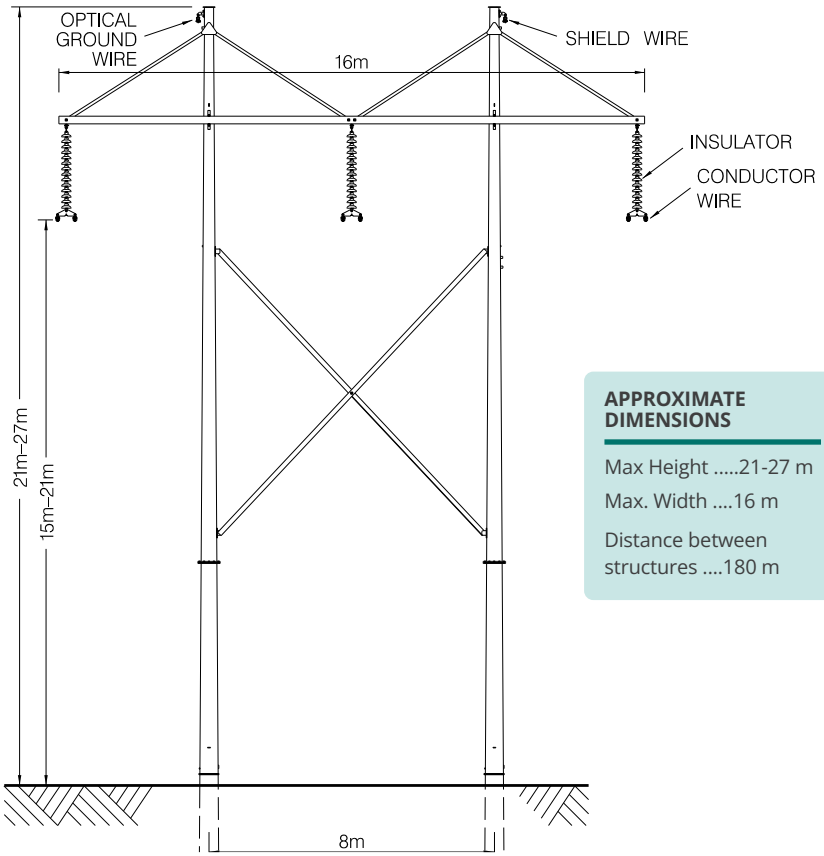
If approved, the new 240 kV transmission line (to be called 9L142) will be built with wood H-frame structures similar to the one shown here.

Structures will be single-circuit. This means they will have three (3) sets of bundled conductor wires strung across them, plus one overhead shield wire and one optical ground wire at the top of the structure. The typical distance between structures will be approximately 180 (m).

Non-typical structures may be taller in height or have wider bases.

Guy wires and anchors may be required where the line ends, bends, goes around corners or avoids obstacles. In all cases, minimum clearance will meet or exceed provincial safety regulations.

Note: *Details may change as the project develops and designs are finalized.*



APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS

Max Height .....21-27 m

Max. Width ....16 m

Distance between structures ....180 m

Typical right-of-way for this project – 34 metres

Rights-of-way are cleared of trees, bush and debris to allow access for construction and ongoing maintenance.

Definitions

Circuit: A circuit is a group of wires electricity flows through. ATCO's transmission lines can be single or double circuit. A single-circuit line has three wires and a double-circuit line has six. A transmission line may also have one or two shield wires on the top of the structures to protect the line from lightning.

Circuit Breaker: A circuit breaker is an automatic switch that is designed to protect an electrical circuit from overloading by shutting off the flow of electricity

Conductor wire: A type of wire made from a material that allows electricity to flow through it easily.

Consultation: A consultation is a meeting where advice, information and views are exchanged.

Kilovolt (kV): A kilovolt is equal to one thousand volts. This unit of measurement is most commonly used when describing transmission and distribution lines. Distribution and transmission lines in Alberta carry between 4-kV (4,000 volts) and 500-kV (500,000 volts).

Right-of-way: A right-of-way is the use of a strip of land acquired for the construction and operation of a transmission line. The term right-of-way is also used to refer to the physical space a transmission line encompasses including areas on either side of the line.

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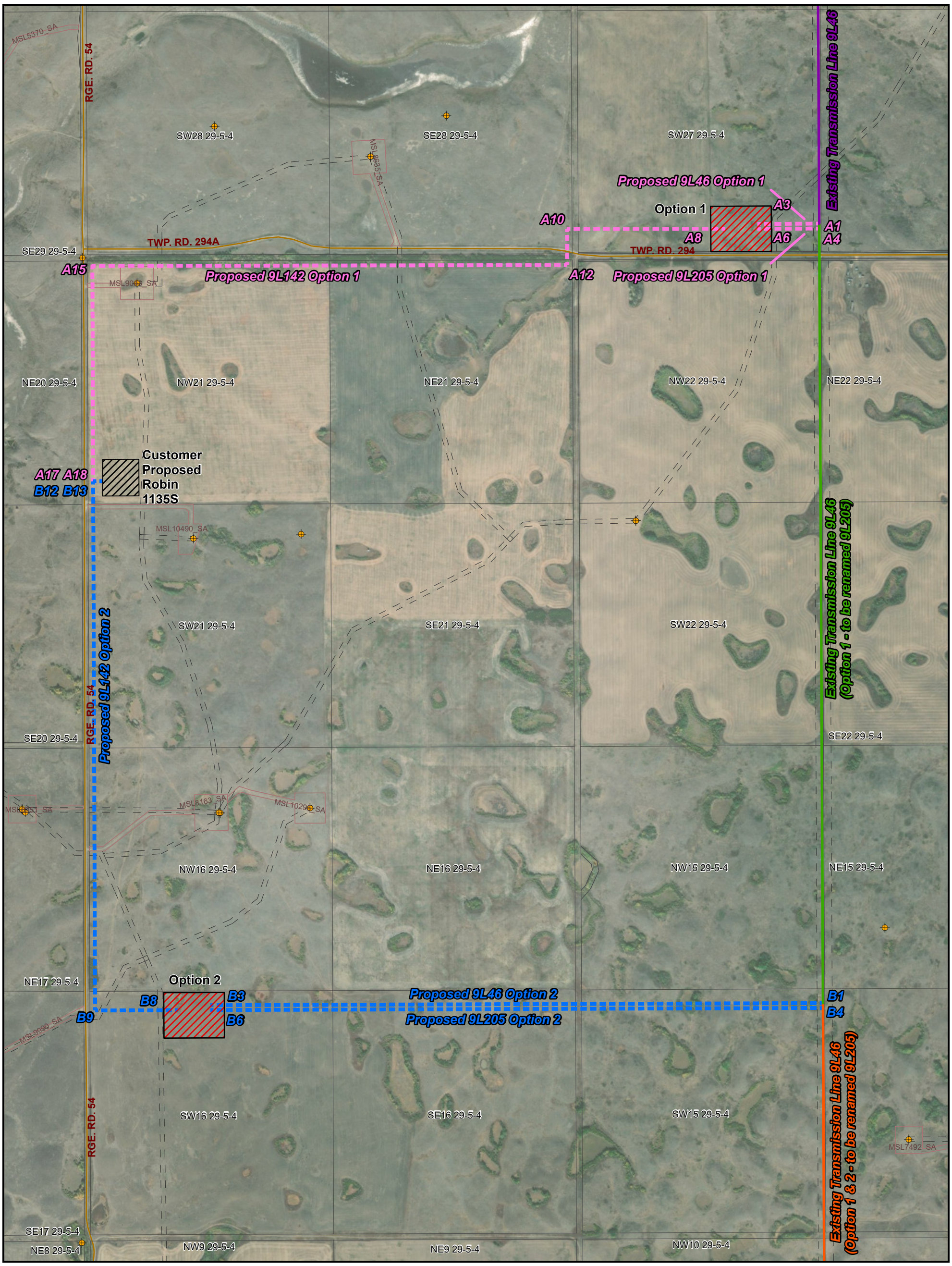

- A# Proposed Route Node
- Proposed 240kV Transmission Line Option 1
- Proposed 240kV Transmission Line Option 2
- Proposed Substation Boundary
- Proposed Customer Substation Boundary
- Existing 240kV Transmission Line
- Existing 240kV Transmission Line to be Renamed (Option 1)
- Existing 240kv Transmission Line to be Renamed (Option 1 and 2)
- Surface Well Site
- Existing Disposition
- Existing Easement Right of Way
- Parcel Boundary
- Road

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0 150 300 Meters
0 300 600 900 Feet

NOTES:
- Only facilities in the vicinity of the project are shown.

CREDIT NOTES

S&P Global Commodity Insights
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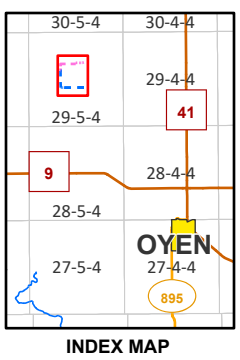
Always practice extreme caution when near power lines!



INDEX MAP

ATCO Energy Systems

Oyen Solar West
Transmission Project

PROPOSED ROUTE
MOSAIC MAP

January 2026

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OYEN SOLAR WEST TRANSMISSION PROJECT
REPLY FORM

CONTACT INFORMATION

Date (DD/MM/YYYY): _____

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Company/Organization Name (if applicable):

_____

Mailing Address: _____

_____

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Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Business Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please help us identify new contacts

You were contacted about this project because ATCO identified you or your company/organization as having a land interest in the vicinity of the project. Is there anyone else associated with your property, such as other owners, renters or occupants, who we should also contact? If so, please provide the name(s), contact information and their land interest.

☐ I would like to receive all future correspondence about this project by Email (If this is your preference, please check the box)

***AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT PRIVACY**: The information on this form is being collected to identify concerns with proposed changes to and/or the siting of power transmission facilities, and to comply with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) rules regarding the submission of transmission facilities applications. This information may be provided to electric facility owners, Alberta's Land & Property Rights Tribunal, and the Alberta Electric System Operator. Your comments and personal information may also be publicly accessible through the AUC website, should it be submitted to the AUC as part of a transmission facility application – subject to Alberta's Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. **If you wish to keep your information confidential, you must make a request to the AUC (403-592-4376).** If you have questions or concerns about your information or how it may be used or disclosed as part of this process, please contact us (see contact information below).*

Please let us know by checking a box below if either statement applies to you:

☐ I do not have concerns with the Project based on the information provided

☐ I have concerns with the Project based on the information provided

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AUC
Alberta Utilities Commission

Participating in the AUC's independent review process to consider facility applications

www.auc.ab.ca

The AUC regulatory review process to consider facility applications for utility projects

The AUC uses an established process to review social, economic and environmental impacts of facility projects to decide if approval of a project is in the public interest.

The AUC considers applications requesting approval of the need for transmission development and facilities applications seeking approval to construct, operate, alter and decommission electric and natural gas facilities. Applications, as specified in AUC Rule 007, are required for:

- The need for transmission upgrades.
- The route and location of transmission facilities.
- The siting of power plants.
- The construction of a battery storage system.
- The designation of an industrial system.
- The need for and siting of natural gas utility pipelines.

Sometimes the Alberta Electric System Operator's needs identification document application is considered together with a facility application in a single proceeding; sometimes separate proceedings are held to consider each application.

Application review process

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Application review process

Step 1: Public consultation prior to applying to the AUC

An applicant seeking approval of a proposed utility development project is required to engage in a participant involvement program prior to filing an application with the AUC. The public involvement program involves consultation with persons whose rights may be directly and adversely affected by the proposed project so that concerns may be raised, addressed and, if possible, resolved.

The application guidelines and requirements for facility applications can be found in AUC Rule 007: *Facility Applications*.

Potentially affected parties are strongly encouraged to participate in the public consultation, also called a participant involvement program. Early, active and ongoing discussions with an applicant may lead to greater influence on project planning and what is submitted to the AUC for approval.

Step 2: Application filed to the AUC

When the applicant has concluded its consultation with potentially affected parties and the participant involvement requirements have been completed, the applicant files its application through the AUC online public filing system, called the eFiling System.

AUC staff members review each application submitted to verify that all of the application requirements in Rule 007 have been met before an application is deemed complete. If all of the required information is not provided, the application may be closed or missing information will be requested of the applicant. Rule 007 specifies, among other requirements, that applicants must submit the results of a public involvement program in its application that includes information about how applicants consulted and notified stakeholders and Indigenous groups and identifies any unresolved objections and concerns about the project.

Step 3: Public notice

When the AUC receives an application it is assigned a proceeding number and the AUC generally mails a notice of application directly to those who live, operate a business or occupy land in the project area who may be directly and adversely affected if the AUC approves the application. The notice initiates the opportunity for formal intervention in the proceeding to consider an application or applications. The notice of application will also set out important dates and information about where to find the application and other items being considered. The five-digit eFiling System proceeding number in the notice is the most efficient way to find information about a proposed project through the AUC website.

Step 4: Public submissions to the AUC

Prior to the submission deadline provided in the notice, formal submissions of outstanding concerns and unresolved objections about a project may be submitted to the AUC. To submit a concern, participants will need to register to participate in the proceeding, which involves providing a brief written statement called a statement of intent to participate. Submissions are filed electronically through the eFiling System. The information filed becomes part of the public record and is an important part of the process to ensure that outstanding concerns are heard, understood and considered.

The AUC uses the information gathered through statement of intent to participate submissions to decide whether to hold a hearing on the application(s). The AUC must hold a hearing if a concerned person can demonstrate that they have rights that may be directly or adversely affected by the AUC's decision on the application. Such a person is said to have standing before the AUC. If the AUC decides to hold a hearing, the AUC will provide further opportunities for participants with standing to ask the applicant questions on the public record and present their position on the application either in writing or in person. Hearings may be held in writing, in person or virtually through web-conference software.

AUC eFiling System

The eFiling System is the online tool that the AUC uses to manage applications and submissions in its proceeding-based review. The eFiling System gives access to all public documents associated with an application. The system is also used to submit your concerns and provide input to the AUC and can be used to monitor related proceeding filings. Those who do not have access to the internet can send submissions, evidence and other material by mail and the AUC will upload the submission on their behalf.

Step 5: Consultation and negotiation (if applicable)

The AUC supports efforts to reach a mutually agreeable outcome among the applicant and affected parties. The AUC encourages the applicant and those who have filed a statement of intent to participate to continue to attempt to resolve any outstanding issues. If all concerns can be satisfactorily resolved this may eliminate the need for a formal hearing. However, if there continues to be unresolved issues, those matters will typically be addressed in an AUC hearing.

Step 6: The public hearing process

The AUC will issue a notice of hearing if a person with standing continues to have legitimate unresolved concerns with the application. The notice of hearing will provide a hearing date and location, or specify if the hearing will be held in writing or virtually. When the AUC holds a public hearing, registered parties are given the opportunity to express their views directly to a panel of Commission members. Any member of the public can listen to an in-person or virtual oral hearing. An oral public hearing operates similar to a court proceeding.

Participants in a hearing can either represent themselves or be represented by a lawyer. In addition, participants may hire experts to assist in preparing and presenting evidence to support their position.

Cost assistance

A person determined by the AUC to have standing or a local intervener can apply for reimbursement of reasonable costs. Those who hire a lawyer or experts/consultants must be aware that while reimbursement for the costs of legal and technical assistance is available under AUC Rule 009: *Rules on Intervener Costs*, recovery of costs is subject to the AUC's assessment of the value of the contribution provided by the lawyer and or experts/consultants in assisting the AUC to understand the specifics of the case. It is also subject to the AUC's published scale of costs.

People with similar interests and positions are expected and encouraged to work together to ensure that expenditures for legal or experts/consultants are minimized and costs are not duplicated.

Step 7: The decision

The AUC's goal is to issue its written decision no more than 90 days after the close of record. The AUC can approve, or deny an application and can also make its approval conditional upon terms or conditions. AUC decisions are publicly available through the AUC website at www.auc.ab.ca.

Step 8: Opportunity to appeal

An applicant or participant in a proceeding may formally ask the Court of Appeal of Alberta for permission to appeal an AUC decision. An application for permission to appeal must be filed within 30 days from the date the decision is issued.

An applicant or participant in a proceeding can also ask the AUC to review its decision. An application to review a decision must be filed within 30 days from the date the decision is issued and satisfy the limited grounds described in AUC Rule 016: *Review of Commission Decisions*.

Step 9: Construction, operation and compliance

An applicant that receives approval to build and operate a facility from the AUC is expected to follow through on any commitments it has made to parties and must adhere to any conditions that were set out in that approval. If concerns about compliance with approval conditions and post-construction operations cannot be resolved with the applicant, they can be brought to the AUC's attention for consideration. The AUC has significant compliance and enforcement powers for all approved applications. Additional information is available on the AUC website.

The Alberta Utilities Commission is an independent, quasi-judicial agency of the government of Alberta that ensures the delivery of Alberta's utility services take place in a manner that is fair, responsible and in the public interest.

We are committed to ensuring that Albertans whose rights may be directly and adversely affected by a utility development project are informed of the application and have the opportunity to have their concerns heard, understood and considered.

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Attachment 4 – AESO Market Participant Notification Stakeholder Newsletter (April 22, 2026)

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Market Participant Notification | Central Planning Region

The following generation and energy storage facilities will be connected in the AESO's Central Planning Region. Market Participants wishing to understand curtailment risk can find congestion information for scenarios that include these facilities in the Central Region Congestion Assessment.

- **Oyen 2 Solar Project:** Click here for more information or visit aeso.ca: Grid > Transmission Projects > Oyen 2 Solar Project Connection (P2758).
- **Castor North Solar Battery Project:** Click here for more information or visit aeso.ca: Grid > Transmission Projects > Castor North Solar Battery Project Connection (P2774).
- **Red Willow Solar Battery:** Click here for more information or visit aeso.ca: Grid > Transmission Projects > Red Willow Solar Battery Project Connection (P2789).