

APPENDIX C PARTICIPANT INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM (PIP)

Okotoks 678S Substation Upgrade and High River 65S Substation Modification

Needs Identification Document

1.0 Participant Involvement Program (PIP)

From March 2016 to July 2016, the AESO conducted a Participant Involvement Program (PIP) to assist in preparing its Okotoks 678S Substation Upgrade and High River 65S Substation Modification Needs Identification Document (NID). The AESO directed the transmission facility owner (TFO), in this case AltaLink Management Ltd., in its capacity as general partner of AltaLink, L.P., to assist the AESO in providing notification as part of the AESO's PIP. The AESO's PIP has been conducted in accordance with the requirements of Section 6.2.1, NID19 and Appendix A2 of the current Alberta Utilities Commission Rule 007, effective February 1, 2016.

1.1 Stakeholder Notification

The AESO's PIP was designed to notify and provide information to all occupants, residents and landowners within the notification area of the proposed development, as well as to other interested parties, including the following government bodies, agencies and other stakeholder groups (Stakeholders):

- Alberta Culture and Tourism
- Alberta Environment and Parks South Saskatchewan Region, Resource Management Program
- Alberta Environment and Parks South Saskatchewan Region, Land Approvals
- Alberta Transportation
- Municipal District of Foothills No. 31
- Town of High River
- Town of Okotoks
- FortisAlberta Inc.
- Telus Communications Company
- Lexin Resources Ltd.

The AESO used a variety of methods to notify Stakeholders on the need for the Okotoks 678S substation upgrade and High River 65S substation modification. The AESO developed a one-page Need Overview document that described the need for the proposed transmission development. A copy of this document was posted to the AESO website at <http://www.aeso.ca/transmission/33501.html> on April 6, 2016 and a notice was published in the AESO Stakeholder Newsletter on April 7, 2016. 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 sent by mail and/or email between March 31, 2016 and June 9, 2016 to the Stakeholders noted above. The TFO supplemented its project-specific information package with a project update postcard, which was sent to Stakeholders commencing June 8, 2016. Attachment 3 includes a copy of the TFO's information brochure and Attachment 4 includes a copy of the TFO's project update postcard.

To ensure that Stakeholders had the opportunity to provide feedback, the AESO also provided Stakeholders with a dedicated, toll-free telephone line (1-888-866-2959) and a dedicated email address (stakeholder.relations@aeso.ca). AESO contact information, along with the AESO's mailing address (2500, 330 5th Ave. SW, Calgary) and website address (www.aeso.ca), and a privacy statement that described how the AESO is committed to protecting Stakeholders' privacy, were included on the Need Overview related to this application.

As directed by the AESO, the TFO was prepared to direct any inquiries or concerns about the project need to the AESO. The TFO has indicated that Stakeholders have not identified any concerns or objections with the need for the proposed transmission development.

1.2 Public Notification

Most recently, the AESO published a Public Notification of NID Filing to the AESO website at <http://www.aeso.ca/transmission/33501.html> on June 27, 2016 and a notice in the AESO Stakeholder Newsletter on June 28, 2016. Copies of the Public Notification of NID Filing posting and the AESO Stakeholder Newsletter notice have been included as Attachments 5 and 6, respectively.

1.3 Concerns and Objections Raised

The AESO has not received any indication of concerns or objections from any party about the need for the proposed transmission development.

1.4 List of Attachments

- Attachment 1 – AESO Need Overview
- Attachment 2 – AESO Stakeholder Newsletter Need Overview Notice
- Attachment 3 – TFO's Information Brochure – *Okotoks 678S and High River 65S Substation Upgrades (March 2016)*
- Attachment 4 – TFO's Project Update Postcard – *Okotoks 678S and High River 65S Substation Upgrades (June 2016)*

- Attachment 5 – AESO Public Notification of NID Filing (AESO Website Posting)
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