

Hand Hills Wind Energy Connections Stakeholder Update – Project Cancellation

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The purpose of this update is to inform stakeholders that the BER Hand Hills Wind LP and Suncor Energy Inc. requests for system access service to connect the approved BluEarth Hand Hills Wind Power Facility and Suncor Hand Hills Wind Power Facility in the Hanna area have been cancelled.

The Alberta Utilities Commission originally approved the Alberta Electric System Operator's (AESO) *BluEarth Hand Hills Wind Energy Connection Needs Identification Document* and *Suncor Hand Hills Wind Energy Connection Needs Identification Document* on May 7, 2015. The approvals included the following transmission developments:

- Add one 240 kilovolt (kV) transmission line to connect the BluEarth Hand Hills Wind Power Facility and the existing Coyote Lake 963S substation;
- Modify the existing Coyote Lake 963S substation, including adding two 240 kV circuit breakers;
- Add the Mother Mountain 2055S substation, including three 240 kV circuit breakers;
- Add two 240 kV transmission lines to connect the Mother Mountain 2055S substation and the existing 240 kV transmission line 9L94;
- Add one 240 kV transmission line to connect the Mother Mountain 2044S substation and the Suncor Hand Hills Wind Power Facility; and
- Add or modify associated equipment as required for the above transmission developments.

On June 12, 2019, BER Hand Hills Wind LP's request for system access service was cancelled. Subsequently, on August 14, 2019 Suncor Energy Inc.'s request for system access service was cancelled. The AESO intends to apply to the Commission for cancellation of the needs identification document approvals in late 2019.

The AESO's project-related information is available on the AESO's website at www.aeso.ca and follow the path Stakeholder Engagement > Transmission projects

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