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To interested Western regional electricity industry stakeholders,

Natural Resources Canada would like to extend an invitation to participate in an information session on the Western Regional Electricity Cooperation and Strategic Infrastructure (RECSI) dialogue.

In 2016, Natural Resources Canada established a regional dialogue with western provinces and their respective utilities/system operators to identify promising electricity infrastructure projects with the potential to reduce regional GHG emissions. The dialogue is not a decision-making forum, nor is it intended to answer all questions regarding potential future electricity supply options.

To inform their discussions, the dialogue participants have retained an external independent contractor to execute a modelling study. The study will quantify the expected GHG emission reductions for various scenarios using a combination of production cost model and system simulation tools.

To assist in the coordination of the dialogue, the Alberta Electric System Operator has agreed to act as a proponent for administering the study contract. For more information, you may wish to review a RFP posted to the Alberta Electric System Operator's (AESO) website:
<https://www.aeso.ca/market/market-updates/regional-electricity-cooperation-and-strategic-infrastructure-initiative-recsi/>

An information webinar will be hosted by Natural Resources Canada on **June 20 at 11:00 – 12:00 MST**. Western regional industry stakeholders are invited to express an interest in participating by submitting an email to nrcan.recsi-creis.rncan@canada.ca. An invitation will be provided with dial-in details.