

Conceptual System Plan

Cluster 1 - Southwest-Calgary Region

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1. Introduction

The objective of providing this conceptual system plan is to assist market participants to better understand the scope of potential transmission system developments required to integrate Cluster 1 projects in the Southwest-Calgary region. The scope of transmission developments identified is in compliance with the existing *Transmission Regulation*, which requires the AESO to plan a system sufficiently robust such that 100% of anticipated in-merit electric energy can occur when all transmission facilities are in service (Category A or N-0 condition), and assumes that all cluster projects in this region proceed. Development options such as new transmission lines, increasing the capability of existing transmission lines, and network topology optimization were considered in the development of this conceptual system plan.

Typically, a major transmission system project can take at least 8-10 years to complete. The timing must consider significant work required in developing a detailed plan, initiating a project, engaging stakeholders, selecting the preferred alternative, seeking all necessary regulatory approvals, and the construction and commissioning of the transmission facilities.

Please note that the conceptual system plan identified here is different from the AESO's Long-term Transmission Plan and is based on different integration assumptions. The AESO's planning process still needs to be conducted to determine the timing and configuration of the system transmission projects being developed to meet planning standards and transmission regulation and policy. The pace and location of new load, storage, and generation developments play an important role in the AESO's planning process. The timing and configuration of the proposed system transmission projects as an outcome of the AESO's planning process, will be influenced by the timing and volume of connection projects meeting the AESO's project inclusion criteria¹.

2. Conceptual Transmission Development Plan

2.1 SW Transmission Development

Cause:

- Additional generation causes overload on 924L/927L, 1003L/985L, 916L, 876L, and 1109L/1080L.

Mitigation:

- Add two 500 kV circuits between Newell 2075S, Milo 356S, and Langdon 102S substations².
- Add a 240 kV transmission line between SS-65 and Sarcee 42S substations.

2.2 Foothills Area 240kV Network Reinforcement

Cause:

- Additional generation causes overload on 1106L/1107L.

¹ The definition of project inclusion criteria is available in the Connection Project List Guide on the AESO website.

² This development is also included in Central Region conceptual system plan.

Mitigation:

- Add a 240 kV transmission line between SS-65 and Foothills 237S substation.
- Add a 240 kV switching substation between SC1 266S and Foothills 237S, and terminate the existing 1037L/1038L transmission line at the new 240 kV switching substation.
- Add a 240 kV transmission line between Foothills 237S and the new 240 kV substation.

2.3 Stavelly/Strathmore Area Development**Cause:**

- Additional generation causes overload on 691L, 733L, 765L, 161L, and 853L.

Mitigation:

- Increase the capability of the existing 138 kV transmission line 161L (Vulcan 255S – Queenstown 504S).
- Upgrade Queenstown 504S substation to 240 kV and connect to 927L via T-tap configuration.
- Increase the capability of existing 138 kV transmission lines 691L/765L/733L (Janet 74S – Chestermere 419S – Strathmore 151S).

2.4 SW/SE Boundary Area 240kV Transmission Upgrade**Cause:**

- Additional generation causes overload on 940L, 1005L, and 1036L.

Mitigation:

- Increase the capability of the following 240kV transmission lines:
 - 1005L (Milo 356S – Little Bow 991S)
 - 940L (N. Lethbridge 370S – Picture Butte 120S)
 - 1036L (Milo 356S – New generation project tap)

2.5 Calgary Region 240kV Transmission Upgrade**Cause:**

- Additional generation causes overload on 932L, 918L, and 1109L/1080L.

Mitigation:

- Increase the capability of the following 240 kV transmission lines:
 - 932L (Beddington SS-162S – New generation project tap)
 - 1080L/1109L (SS25 – SS65)
- Restore 918L (Beddington SS-162S – Johnson 281S) to full-rating.

2.6 SW/Central 138kV Path Upgrade**Cause:**

- Additional generation causes overload on 418L.

Mitigation:

- Increase the capability of existing transmission line 418L (Johnson 281S – New generation project T-tap point).

2.7 SW 69kV Path Rating Restoration

Cause:

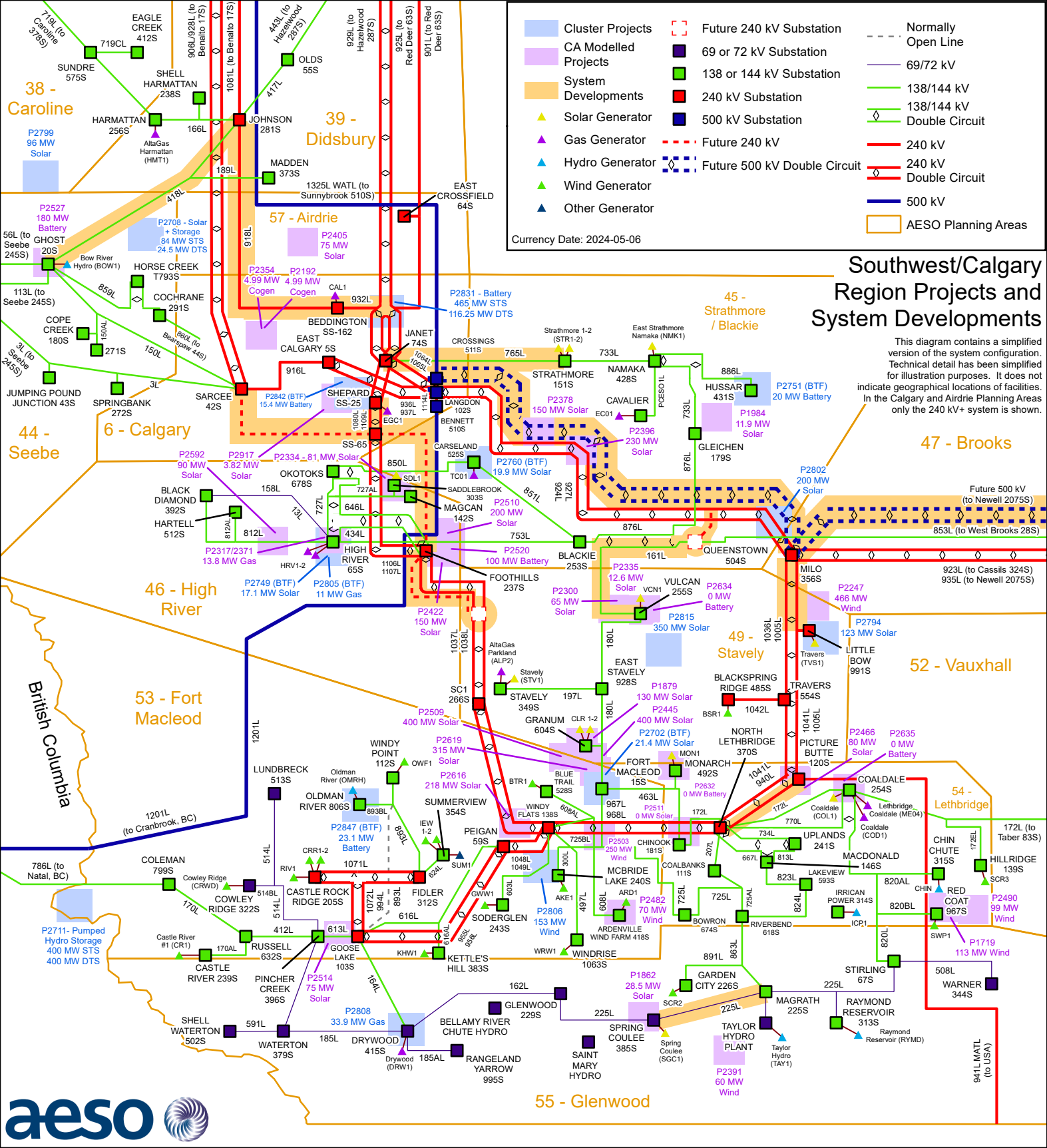
- Additional generation causes overload on 225L.

Mitigation:

- Replace CTs to restore the thermal rating of transmission line 225L (Spring Coulee 385S – Magrath 225S).

3. System Plan SLD

See attached page.



Cluster Projects	Future 240 kV Substation	Normally Open Line
CA Modelled Projects	69 or 72 kV Substation	69/72 kV
System Developments	138 or 144 kV Substation	138/144 kV
Solar Generator	240 kV Substation	138/144 kV Double Circuit
Gas Generator	500 kV Substation	240 kV
Hydro Generator	Future 240 kV	240 kV Double Circuit
Wind Generator	Future 500 kV Double Circuit	500 kV
Other Generator	AESO Planning Areas	

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Southwest/Calgary Region Projects and System Developments

This diagram contains a simplified version of the system configuration. Technical detail has been simplified for illustration purposes. It does not indicate geographical locations of facilities. In the Calgary and Airdrie Planning Areas only the 240 kV+ system is shown.