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**Southern Alberta Transmission Reinforcement:
Projects Update**

The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) recently asked AltaLink to stop all activities related to siting, routing and consultation for the following three transmission projects:

- Picture Butte to Etzikom Coulee Transmission Project (PBEC)
- Goose Lake to Etzikom Coulee Transmission Project (GLEC)
- Etzikom Coulee to Whitla Transmission Project (ECW)

The AESO stated the reason for their request is that they intend to apply to the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) to amend their need approval to ensure the need reflected in that approval for transmission in southwestern Alberta more closely aligns with the pace of generation development.

We have included a letter from the AESO with this package.

In response to the AESO's request we are removing from consideration all proposed, preferred and alternate routes and sites previously presented to, or discussed with, stakeholders related to these three projects.

In the future, when the AESO confirms that new transmission facilities are needed, AltaLink will conduct a new process of route/site identification and consultation with impacted landowners as well as other stakeholders in accordance with the Alberta Utilities Commission Rule 007.

It is important to note that previous route and site selections were proposed based on identifying low overall impacts. During future consultation it remains possible that similar route alternatives could be selected again.

Thank you for your patience and participation in our consultation process on these projects. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact AltaLink's Consultation team directly at 1-877-267-5973.

Sincerely,



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