

January 19, 2017

**Re: Southern Alberta Transmission Reinforcement:  
Construction milestones update**

Dear Stakeholder,

AltaLink sent an update letter to stakeholders in December 2014 advising that the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) requested that AltaLink stop all activities related to siting, routing and consultation for the following three transmission projects:

- Picture Butte to Etzikom Coulee Transmission Project (PBEC): A new substation, to be named Journault, in the Etzikom Coulee area and a 240 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between the existing Picture Butte and the proposed Journault substations.
- Goose Lake to Etzikom Coulee Transmission Project (GLEC): A new 240 kV transmission line between the Journault and existing Goose Lake substations.
- Etzikom Coulee to Whitla Transmission Project (ECW): A new 240 kV transmission line between the Journault and existing Whitla substations.

In response to the AESO's request, AltaLink suspended all project development in response to the AESO's request, including communications, and no work has occurred on these projects since December 2014.

The AESO has now determined they will not proceed with these projects and has asked AltaLink to permanently stop all work on the projects. The AESO also noted that although it will not proceed with the above projects, potential future wind generation in the area may require transmission development. Should the AESO direct AltaLink to develop transmission in the area in the future, AltaLink will consult with stakeholders prior to seeking approval for any such projects.

A letter from the AESO outlining the decision is attached. For more information, you can contact the AESO directly at [stakeholder.relations@aeso.ca](mailto:stakeholder.relations@aeso.ca) or 1-888-866-2959.

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 [stakeholderrelations@altalink.ca](mailto:stakeholderrelations@altalink.ca) or 1-877-267-5973.

Sincerely,



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