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**Picture Butte to Etzikom Coulee Transmission Project and  
Etzikom Coulee to Whitla Transmission Project:  
Project updates**

In August 2013 AltaLink sent an update regarding the Picture Butte to Etzikom Coulee (PBEC) and Etzikom to Whitla (ECW) transmission projects. In the update we explained that the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) requested we temporarily suspend work on these projects until they completed an intertie restoration initiative analysis. AltaLink also committed to update landowners when we received further direction to proceed.

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The AESO has reported that certain requirements have been met for PBEC to proceed.

AltaLink and the AESO are currently conducting studies on the design of PBEC facilities. Once these studies are complete and the results assessed, we will resume work on the PBEC project.

AltaLink will keep you updated on project activities and timing.

We thank you for your patience and appreciate the time you have taken to meet with us throughout the course of this project.

**Etzikom Coulee to Whitla Transmission Project**

The AESO also reported that wind generation in the ECW project area is not at the level previously anticipated and consequentially has put this project on hold for the time being.

At this time we are unable to determine when the ECW project may continue. We appreciate your patience and thank you for the time you have committed since this project began.

**Contact us**

Please contact us at 1-877-269-5903 or at [satrinfo@altalink.ca](mailto:satrinfo@altalink.ca) if you have any questions or concerns regarding either project. Alternately, if you have questions regarding the need for the projects please contact the AESO at [stakeholder.relations@aeso.ca](mailto:stakeholder.relations@aeso.ca) or 1.888.866.2959.