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**Picture Butte to Etzikom Coulee Transmission Project (PBEC) and
Etzikom Coulee to Whitla Transmission Project (ECW):
Project update**

In December 2012 AltaLink mailed project information packages to you regarding the PBEC and ECW transmission projects. Each project specific information package outlined our preferred and alternate routes.

In December 2008, the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) filed the need for the Southern Alberta Transmission Reinforcement (SATR), which includes the PBEC and ECW projects, and the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) approved the need in 2009. Following that approval, the AESO directed AltaLink to prepare and file applications for approval of transmission facilities to satisfy the transmission system development need identified by the AESO.

This application would be submitted to the AUC for approval and would set out how we propose to meet the AESO's requirements for a transmission project as well as routing details and the results of our consultation process.

The AESO recently requested that AltaLink temporarily delay these projects until their intertie restoration initiative analysis is complete. Enclosed with this letter is an AESO update, which includes information regarding this delay.

As a result of this decision, AltaLink will not be filing our facilities application to the AUC this summer, as we had previously communicated to landowners during consultations.

We appreciate the time you have taken to meet with us throughout the course of these projects. AltaLink will keep you updated on project activities and timing as we receive further direction from the AESO.

Please contact AltaLink at 1-877-269-5903 or at satrinfo@altalink.ca if you have any questions or concerns. Alternately, you can also contact the AESO at stakeholder.relations@aeso.ca or 1.888.866.2959.

More information about these projects can be found online at www.altalink.ca/satr.

Sincerely,



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