

Welsch Energy Connection Stakeholder Update – Project Cancellation

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The purpose of this update is to inform stakeholders that the Welsch Wind Power Inc. request for system access service to connect its approved Welsch wind generating facility (Facility) in the Pincher Creek area has been cancelled.

As a result, the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) no longer intends to apply to the Alberta Utilities Commission for approval of the need for the following transmission development:

- Add approximately 10 kilometres of 138 kV transmission line to connect the Facility to the existing 138 kV transmission line 624L.
- Add or modify associated equipment as required for the above transmission developments.

Project Background

In September 2016, AltaLink Management Ltd. began distributing an information package that included the AESO Need Overview, *Welsch Energy Connection in the Pincher Creek area*. In addition, the AESO posted the Need Overview to its project-specific webpage <https://www.aeso.ca/grid/projects/welsch-energy-connection/>.

On January 25, 2019, the AESO received correspondence from Welsch Wind Power Inc. informing the AESO that there is no longer a need for transmission system access to connect the Facility.

Who is the AESO?

The AESO plans and operates Alberta's electricity grid and wholesale electricity market safely, reliably and in the public interest of all Albertans. We are a not-for-profit organization with no financial interest or investment of any kind in the power industry.

We appreciate your views. If you have any questions or comments, please contact us directly.

For Further Information

Please contact the AESO through stakeholder.relations@aeso.ca or call our stakeholder relations toll-free line at 1-888-866-2959 if you have any questions.