

Need for the Vista Coal Mine Connection in the Town of Hinton area

Coalspur Mines (Operations) Ltd. (Coalspur) has applied to the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) for transmission system access to connect its approved Vista Coal Mine (Facility) in the Town of Hinton area. The Facility will be served by Coalspur's approved Vista 1029S substation. Coalspur's request can be met by the following solution:

PROPOSED SOLUTION

- Add a 138 kV transmission line to connect the Facility to the existing 138 kV transmission line 847L.
- Add or modify associated equipment as required for the above transmission developments.

NEXT STEPS

- The AESO intends to apply to the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) for approval of the need in mid-2018.
- The AESO's needs identification document (NID) application will be available on the AESO's website at www.aeso.ca/grid/projects at the time of its application to the AUC.

The following organizations have key roles and responsibilities in providing access to the transmission system:

THE AESO

- Must plan the transmission system and enable access to it for generators and other qualified customers.
- Is regulated by the AUC and must apply to the AUC for approval of its NID.

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- Is the transmission facility owner in Town of Hinton area.
- Is responsible for detailed siting and routing, constructing, operating and maintaining the transmission facilities.
- Is regulated by the AUC and must apply to the AUC for approval of its transmission facilities applications.

WHO IS THE AESO?

The Alberta Electric System Operator (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, both on the need for transmission system development and proposed transmission plans. If you have any questions or comments, please contact us directly.

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