

# Need for the Rattlesnake Ridge Wind Project Connection in the City of Medicine Hat area

*BHE Canada Rattlesnake G.P. Inc. (BHE) has applied to the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) for transmission system access to connect its proposed Rattlesnake Ridge Wind Power Project (Facility) in the City of Medicine Hat area. BHE's request can be met by the following solution:*

## PROPOSED SOLUTION

- Add one 138 kilovolt (kV) transmission line to connect the Facility to the existing 138 kV transmission line 879L in a T-tap configuration.
- 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 early-2020.
- The AESO's needs identification document (NID) application will be available on the AESO's website at [www.aeso.ca/stakeholder-engagement/transmission-projects](http://www.aeso.ca/stakeholder-engagement/transmission-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.

## BHE

- Has requested transmission system access to connect the Facility.
- Is responsible for detailed siting and routing, and constructing the 138 kV transmission line to connect the Facility to the existing 879L transmission line.
- Must apply to the AUC for approval of its transmission facilities applications.

## ALTALINK

- Is the transmission facility owner in Medicine Hat area.
- Is responsible for operating and maintaining the new 138 kV transmission line, and the construction, operating and maintaining of existing transmission facilities associated with the transmission development.
- 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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