

Need for the Eastervale Solar Project Connection

Eastervale Solar Inc. (ESI) has applied to the AESO for transmission system access to connect its proposed Eastervale Solar Project (Facility) in the Amisk area.

Distribution of the original AESO Need Overview began in October 2024. As a result of a change in the Facility and schedule, the AESO determined that a Need Overview Update is required to provide revised next steps.

ESI's request can continue to be met by the following solution:

PROPOSED SOLUTION

- Add one 240 kilovolt (kV) transmission line to connect the Facility to the existing 240 kV transmission line 1047L using a T-tap configuration.
- Add or modify associated equipment as required for the above transmission developments.

REVISED NEXT STEPS

- In late 2025 the AESO may consider the need for this project for approval under section 501.3 of the ISO rules, *Abbreviated Needs Approval Process* (ANAP Rule), or apply to the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) for approval of the need.
- The AESO will notify stakeholders via the AESO's website at www.aeso.ca/grid/transmission-projects prior to the project being considered under the ANAP Rule or when filing a needs identification document (NID) application with 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.
- Can approve eligible projects through the ANAP Rule and for non-eligible projects, the AESO will prepare and submit a NID to the AUC for approval.

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- Is the transmission facility owner in Amisk Area.
- Is responsible for operating and maintaining the new 240 kV transmission line and constructing, operating and maintaining the transmission facilities within their respective service territories.
- Is regulated by the AUC and must apply to the AUC for approval of their 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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