

# Need for the West Edmonton Transmission Upgrade Project in the City of Edmonton

*EPCOR Distribution and Transmission Inc. (EPCOR) has applied to the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) for transmission system access to improve the reliability of the power system in the Edmonton area. Distribution of the original AESO Need Overview began in September 2016. The AESO has since revised its proposed solution and schedule to respond to EPCOR's request, as described below. EPCOR's request can be met by the following solution:*

## REVISED PROPOSED SOLUTION

- Add a new 72 kilovolt (kV) transmission line from the Poundmaker substation to the Meadowlark substation.
- Upgrade the existing Poundmaker substation, including adding one 240/72 kV transformer, one 240 kV circuit breaker, one 72 kV circuit breaker and associated equipment.
- Modify the existing Meadowlark substation, including adding two 72 kV circuit breakers and associated equipment. Originally, only one 72 kV circuit breaker was proposed.
- Upgrade the existing Garneau substation, including replacing three existing 72/14.4 kV transformers with three 72/14.4 kV transformers of higher capacity.

## REVISED NEXT STEPS

- The AESO has revised its schedule. The AESO now 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](http://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.

## EPCOR

- Is the transmission facility owner in the City of Edmonton.
- 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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