



January 31, 2011

To Landowners, Occupants, Agencies and Interested Parties:

Re: Eastern Alberta DC Transmission Line – Preferred Route Option

ATCO Electric is preparing an application to the AUC to construct a new 500-kilovolt, high voltage direct current (HVDC) transmission line on the eastern side of the province between the Gibbons-Redwater area northeast of Edmonton and the West Brooks area southeast of Calgary. The project includes a converter station at each end of the line to convert power from alternating current (AC) to direct current (DC).

After extensive field study and consultation with landowners and interested parties we have identified a preferred route, converter station sites and some alternative route segments for the project. These are illustrated on the enclosed map along with the routes that are no longer under consideration. **This letter is to advise that you own or have an interest in property within 800 metres of the preferred route, the alternative route segments or converter station sites for the Eastern Alberta DC Transmission Line.**

ATCO Electric considers a number of factors when selecting a route that we consider to have the least overall impact on people, agriculture, industry and the environment. Among other factors, we strive to:

- Minimize impacts on residences and built-up areas;
- Follow existing property boundaries, power lines and corridors where possible; and
- Minimize impacts on agriculture and environmentally-sensitive areas.

Since June 2010, ATCO Electric has actively consulted with landowners and interested parties on several route options. We have spoken with landowners to identify their concerns and collect additional information on routing constraints. We hosted 14 open houses and consulted one-on-one with over 7,000 people. Your feedback has been instrumental in our route selection process and we would like to thank you for your valuable time and input.

A detailed information package on the project will be mailed to you shortly. The package includes:

- Project Update (January 2011)
- Detailed Maps showing the preferred route, converter stations and alternative route segments
- Fact Sheets on EMF, Electrical Effects, Compensation and our proposed facilities
- Reply Form and Business Reply Envelope
- Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) brochure – Public Involvement In Needs Or Facilities Applications
- ATCO Electric Works for You brochure


More detailed information can be found on our website at: www.atcoelectric.com.

We will also be contacting you to discuss your views on the preferred route, converter stations or alternative route segments. Following our review of the feedback we receive from this consultation we plan to file our Facility Application with the AUC in March 2011 for the preferred route and converter station sites as well as the alternative route segments.

Once the Application is filed, the AUC will issue a Notice of Application to all parties directly affected by the project. This notification is typically published in the local papers. All affected landowners will have the opportunity to register to present their views on the project at a public hearing at a date and time determined by the AUC. The AUC makes the final decision on the route and location of the facilities and its approval is required before ATCO Electric can begin construction on land where we have reached an agreement with the landowner for access. If you would like more information on the AUC or the application process, visit www.auc.ab.ca.

For more information on our project or to share your comments with us, please contact the project team using the information provided.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Boven". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ray Boven, P. Eng.

Senior Vice President, HVDC Project

Enclosures