



November 9, 2010

To Landowners, Occupants, Agencies and Interested Parties:

## **Re: Eastern Alberta DC Transmission Line – Additional Route Options**

ATCO Electric is planning a new 500 kilometre long, 500-kilovolt, high voltage direct current (HVDC) transmission line between the Gibbons-Redwater area northeast of Edmonton and the 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) so it can be used on Alberta's electricity grid. This critical transmission infrastructure, as identified by the Alberta Electric System Operator and the Government of Alberta, is needed to reinforce the reliability, capability and efficiency of the transmission system in Alberta.

Public consultation for preliminary route options began in May 2010. Some additional route options have recently been identified as a result of further routing investigations and initial consultations with landowners and interested parties along the original route options.

**You are receiving this package because you have property on or near one of the recent additions to the preliminary route options.** We are planning to conduct one-on-one conversations with each landowner whose property is on or near these additional route segments. One of our land agents will be in touch with you to set up a meeting. The feedback received during our public consultations will help identify a preferred route option to be filed in a Facilities Application to the Alberta Utilities Commission by the spring of 2011.

The enclosed information provides you with more details about the project, including:

- Applicable parts of the original Project Information package mailed to all landowners and interested parties in May 2010, with revised maps showing both the original and the additional route options.
- A Project Update (September 2010).

ATCO Electric is committed to conducting an open and transparent public consultation process. We welcome your feedback to assist us in determining the preferred route and sites. To obtain more information or share your comments with us, please visit our website at [www.atcoelectric.com](http://www.atcoelectric.com) or contact the project team using the information provided below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. Boven".

**Ray Boven, P. Eng.**

Vice President, 500 kV HVDC Project

Enclosures