

TAMA Transmission

TransAlta Expands into Alberta Transmission through New Partnership

As TransAlta seeks to further broaden its service offering to Albertans, we look forward to expanding into Alberta transmission through our new TAMA Transmission Partnership with MidAmerican Transmission and its parent company MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company. Led by President Cynthia Johnston, TransAlta's Executive Vice President of Corporate Services, TAMA Transmission is ready to bid for the development of the Fort McMurray West Transmission Project. TAMA Transmission's participation in Alberta transmission will create healthy competition that will benefit consumers.

TAMA Transmission: A Strategic Partnership

Combining the strengths of both companies, TAMA Transmission is a strong partnership ready and able to deliver reliable transmission for Alberta. TransAlta has been operating in Alberta for over 100 years and helped build and operate Alberta's original transmission infrastructure. Our focus is on delivering power safely and reliably to our customers, and transmission, an area where we already have expertise, is a natural fit with our business. We bring solid relationships, a full understanding of the Alberta power landscape and a strong reputation to the TAMA partnership.

TransAlta's partner, MidAmerican Transmission, also has an impressive track record in transmission development, construction and operation. They have been successful in competitive processes and own and operate more than 18,000 miles of transmission throughout North America. TAMA Transmission will leverage MidAmerican's expertise in development and construction management to deliver cost-effective, reliable transmission for Albertans.

TAMA Transmission to Take Part in Competitive Bid Process

In Alberta, incumbent transmission utilities have historically been assigned transmission projects based on traditional service territories. The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) is now undertaking a competitive process to select a qualified proponent to develop, design, build, finance, own, operate and maintain the Fort McMurray West Transmission line, one of Alberta's critical transmission infrastructure projects.

This competitive bid process gives new participants, like TAMA Transmission, an opportunity to develop, own and operate major transmission infrastructure in Alberta. We are supportive of the fair, transparent and openly competitive process, as we believe that opening transmission to new market competitors will bring competitive pressures to bear on transmission costs. We know that without a reliable electrical system, Alberta's economy and quality of life could suffer, and we look forward to the opportunity to strengthen this system for all Albertans.

The competitive process for transmission gives new players like TAMA Transmission a fair opportunity to enter the transmission market, and will bring competitive pressures to bear on transmission costs.

The Fort McMurray West Transmission Project At A Glance

- The Fort McMurray West Transmission project is required to meet the needs for the planned expansion of the Fort McMurray area and oil sands development.
- Facilities will span a distance of ~500 km.
- Facilities include a 500 kV AC single circuit transmission line from a new 500 kV substation to an existing substation (not part of the project.)
- Two routes (a preferred and an alternate route) to be proposed. Albertans and landowners will have a say on siting through public consultation and public hearing process.
- Successful proponent will develop, design, finance and own the project, and operate and maintain it for 35 years from a target in-service date (Target ISD).
- Value of project is estimated to be CAD\$1.6 billion.
- Successful proponent will earn fixed monthly payments commencing from actual in-service date and ending 35 years following Target ISD.

For more information on the Fort McMurray West Transmission Project, visit www.aeso.ca