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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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**ELECTRIC UTILITIES AMENDMENT ACT, 2012**

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY

First Reading . . . . .

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*(Assented to , 2012)*

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the  
Legislative Assembly of Alberta, enacts as follows:

#### **Amends SA 2003 cE-5.1**

- 1** The *Electric Utilities Act* is amended by this Act.
- 2** Section 1(1)(f.1) is amended by striking out “section 41.1 or”.
- 3** Section 41.1 is repealed.

## Explanatory Notes

**1** Amends chapter E-5.1 of the Statutes of Alberta, 2003.

**2** Section 1(1)(f.1) presently reads:

*1(1) In this Act,*

*(f.1) “critical transmission infrastructure” means a transmission facility designated under section 41.1 or the Schedule as critical transmission infrastructure;*

**3** Section 41.1 presently reads:

*41.1(1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may designate as critical transmission infrastructure a proposed transmission facility if it is contained in a plan that is prepared by the Independent System Operator pursuant to this Act or the regulations and if the transmission facility*

*(a) is an intertie,*

*(b) is to serve areas of renewable energy,*

*(c) is a double circuit transmission facility that is designed to be energized at a nominal voltage of 240 000 volts,*

**4 Section 41.3 is amended by striking out “and an order under section 41.1(1)”.**

- (d) *is designed to be energized at a voltage in excess of 240 000 volts, or*
- (e) *is, in the opinion of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, critical to ensure the safe, reliable and economic operation of the interconnected electric system.*

*(2) An order under subsection (1)*

- (a) *must for each transmission facility designated as critical transmission infrastructure*
  - (i) *describe the technical solution, which may include voltage, transmission capacity expressed in megawatts and alternating current or direct current,*
  - (ii) *that is linear in nature, describe the approximate geographic starting point and the approximate geographic end point of the critical transmission infrastructure,*
  - (iii) *that is not linear in nature, describe the approximate geographic area of the location of the critical transmission infrastructure, and*
  - (iv) *contain or address any matters required by the regulations made under section 142,*
- (b) *may vary from the description of the proposed transmission facility contained in the plan prepared by the Independent System Operator referred to in subsection (1), and*
- (c) *may contain any other matter that the Lieutenant Governor in Council considers necessary.*

**4** Section 41.3 presently reads:

*41.3 Subject to the regulations and an order under section 41.1(1), the Independent System Operator must, in a timely manner, direct a person determined under the regulations to make an application in a timely manner to the Commission under the Hydro and Electric Energy Act for an approval of critical transmission infrastructure.*





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