

Stakeholder Engagement

The AESO engages stakeholders when planning to enhance or expand the transmission system. Stakeholders give feedback on topics such as geographic options, potential technologies, and environmental and social considerations.

All of the AESO's transmission reinforcement projects include a participant involvement program to share information, gather feedback and address questions that stakeholders, including the public, may have about transmission development. The specific scope and approach of engagement methods used for each project differ depending on the needs of the stakeholders involved and the type of transmission reinforcement being planned.

Stakeholders are identified as:

- residents, occupants, landowners and businesses
- elected and administrative government officials at local, municipal and provincial levels
- industry and industry associations
- First Nations and Métis with interests in the project
- advocacy and environmental groups

The AESO uses a variety of methods to notify, consult with and engage stakeholders, including:

- mailings
- newspaper and radio ads
- news releases
- website postings
- meetings and presentations
- correspondence (email and mail)
- telephone
- industry sessions
- open houses

AESO Stakeholder Engagement Principles

- All stakeholders have the right to comment on the AESO's plans, decisions and actions.
- All stakeholders have the right to be informed of the AESO's directions, plans, status of issues and decisions in a timely manner.
- The AESO uses the experience and expertise of stakeholders to improve the quality and implementation of decisions.
- The AESO's engagement process and rationale for the AESO's decisions are transparent.

These principles are available on our website at www.aeso.ca