



Media Advisory
June 11, 2008

The Chamber Presents Don Lowry, President & CEO, EPCOR Utilities Inc.

"Electrical Transmission Development in Alberta"

Calgary, AB – Transmission infrastructure in Alberta is woefully inadequate to service the needs of the province. There have been no major transmission system additions in 20 years, while load and generation accessing the system has doubled, placing huge stresses on the existing lines.

There are serious concerns about the reliability of the current transmission system. This concern is exacerbated by the growth in demand for electricity and the lack of new generations coming on-line in the short term.

Recent events such as the stalled development of the North-South 500KV line and the AESO having to re-apply for a 'needs' decision on that line are contributing to the problem. EPCOR's view is that a North-South 500 KV line is essential for ensuring a stable and efficient electrical transmission grid.

The bottom line: The transmission system is now close to breaking point where consumers will not be able to access new supply; competition is stifled and widespread power outages may result.

WHERE: **The Calgary Chamber of Commerce**
4th floor, 100 6th Avenue S.W.

WHEN: **June 12, 2008, 11:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.**
Luncheon Presentation: 12:00 p.m.
Media Availability: 1:15 p.m.

About the Chamber:

The Calgary Chamber of Commerce is a volunteer driven, not-for-profit, and non-partisan advocacy group whose mission is to lead and serve the Calgary business community, valuing its diversity.

On critical and emerging issues in public policy, the Chamber acts as the leading forum for debate, and advocates public policy solutions that improve the business climate on behalf of our members.

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*** Please note that the Media contact for this luncheon will be Victoria Hill, Senior Events Coordinator.*

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