

## RESIDENTS' POWER LINE CONCERNS

### The Myth:

Residents are not concerned about overhead high voltage power lines in their communities.

### The Facts:

- Strathcona County Council, Sherwood Park residents and the Colchester School Parents' Association teamed up in 1988 on the "Don't Hand Us That Line" campaign, opposing a proposed 240kV power line in the Sherwood Park Greenbelt. The Energy Resources Conservation Board later directed TransAlta to build the line in another corridor.
- Residents have appeared at all the Heartland Transmission Project open houses conducted by the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO), EPCOR and AltaLink from 2007 to the present. Residents have strongly expressed their

concerns about the health, safety, property value, aesthetic and environmental impacts of an overhead high voltage power line in their communities. They want the line buried.

- Concerned residents incorporated the Responsible Electricity Transmission for Albertans (RETA) society in December 2008. RETA's mission is to ensure that new high voltage power lines are not constructed above ground near homes, schools, daycare centres, hospitals or environmentally sensitive areas. Lines should be buried in these cases. RETA currently has over 5,000 registered members.
- Strathcona, Sturgeon and Parkland County Councils; and Edmonton and St. Albert City Councils have passed Motions and/or written letters recommending that high voltage power lines be buried.
- Over 10,000 residents have attended public meetings organized by local community groups and RETA to express their many concerns about the possibility of overhead high voltage power lines being built in their communities.
- A March 2009 poll conducted by the Sherwood Park News indicated that 92% of respondents felt that the current local issue that bothered them the most was "potential high voltage power line construction".

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