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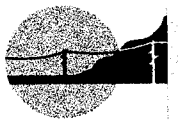

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Our Presentation

- Project Overview
- Approved Route
- Project Status
- Approval Time Frames & Uncertainty

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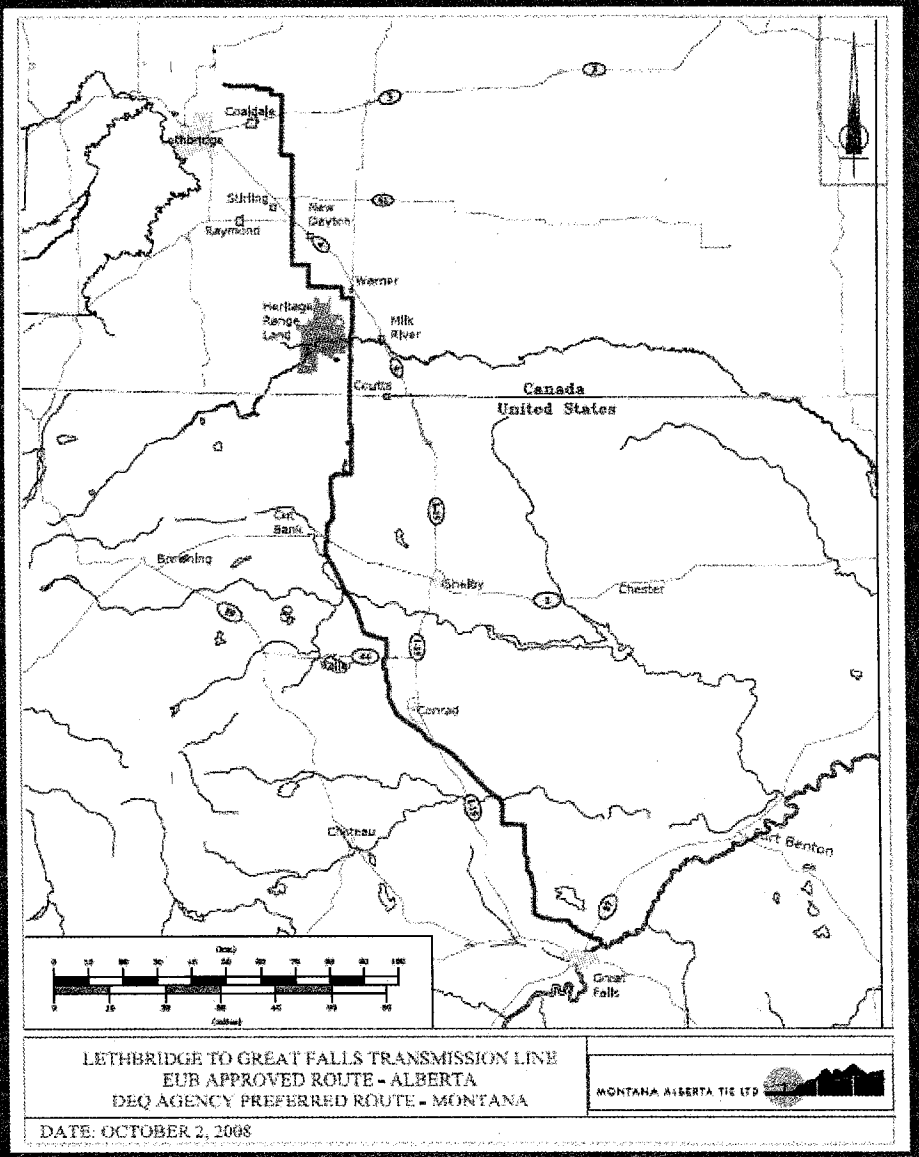
Project Overview

- 230 kV – 300 MW
- 214 miles long, 130 miles in MT
- Merchant Transmission – Only Users Pay
- Customers are wind developers
- 600 MW of wind energy - $US 1 Billion

Route Map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EUB APPROVED ROUTE - ALBERTA
DEQ AGENCY PREFERRED ROUTE - MONTANA
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DATE: OCTOBER 2, 2008

Project Status

- Last of major permits received November, 2008
- Active negotiations with AB landowners since spring 2008
- Negotiations with MT landowners will commence soon
- Most of project financing in place, working on remaining details

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Project Status

- AB Court of Appeal hearing – Jan 23
  - Court to reserve decision
  - Two issues – legal interpretation
- MT BER Hearing Order – Dec 23
  - Hearing dates: May 18 – 22
  - Schedule also set for steps up to hearing

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Approval Time Frames & Uncertainty

- FERC – typically 3 to 9 months
- WECC – 24 months
- DEQ – 34 months (estimate: 9 mo)
- DOE – 37 months (estimate: 18 mo)
- AEUB – 24 months (estimate: 6 mo)
- NEB – 16 months (estimate: 6 mo)

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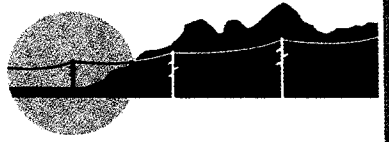

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