

## FORTISALBERTA RECEIVES APPROVAL TO PROCEED WITH LED STREETLIGHT CONVERSIONS

**Calgary, Alta. – May 17, 2017** – FortisAlberta, an electricity distribution company dedicated to delivering safe and reliable electricity to the homes, farms and businesses of more than half a million customers, has received approval from the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) to proceed with LED streetlight conversions in more than 130 communities within the company's service territory.

The initial application to convert existing streetlights under the LED Streetlight Conversion program was made in April 2016 and at that time six communities including Canmore, Crowsnest Pass, Devon, Okotoks, St. Albert and Wetaskiwin underwent conversions. Another application for an additional 131 communities was made to the AUC and FortisAlberta has received approval to continue.

"This is a huge win for our municipal customers who have been seeking a viable and cost-effective option for their existing streetlights," says Don Hughes, Director, Business Development.

LED technology offers many benefits, including reduced energy consumption, resulting in lower costs for our customers. The LED technology FortisAlberta is installing will use a warmer light, resulting in minimal blue light exposure. The fixtures are dark sky friendly with zero up-light, which means less light pollution and/or sky glow as the light is directed downward. The current high-pressure sodium bulbs produce a light that appears orange; the new LED lights will produce a whiter light, resulting in a higher light quality that improves safety.

As FortisAlberta begins conversions in each community, local media and community offices will be contacted with specific information relating to their area. Conversions are expected to take place starting the end of May and will continue over the next year.

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### **About FortisAlberta**

As owner and operator of more than 60 per cent of Alberta's total electricity distribution network, FortisAlberta's focus is delivering safe and reliable electricity to more than half a million residential, farm and business customers. The Company serves more than 200 communities with 122,000 kilometres of distribution power lines across Alberta.

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