



June 9, 2023

Dear Stakeholder,

## **Re: WaterCharger Battery Storage Project Update – Geotechnical Evaluation**

TransAlta continues to advance the development and design of the proposed WaterCharger Battery Storage Project ("the Project") adjacent to the Ghost Hydroelectric Facility, which is located west of Cochrane, Alberta.

TransAlta has commissioned Tetra Tech Canada Inc. ("Tetra Tech") to complete a geotechnical evaluation and Phase II Environmental Site Assessment ("ESA") for the Project. The information obtained from the geotechnical evaluation and ESA is needed for project planning and Detailed Design.

The field drilling program is expected to take five to seven days to complete, starting the week of June 12, 2023.

### **Project Schedule**

Over the summer, TransAlta will be selecting equipment and contractors, and will also begin developing the Detailed Design of the Project. During this time, TransAlta will be engaging to help inform the development of a comprehensive Emergency Response Plan and a Traffic Management Plan for the Project.

|                                | <b>Q2/Q3 2021</b> | <b>Q4 2021</b> | <b>2022</b> | <b>2023</b> | <b>2024</b> |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Environmental assessments      |                   |                |             |             |             |
| Stakeholder engagement         |                   |                |             |             |             |
| Indigenous engagement          |                   |                |             |             |             |
| AUC application submission     |                   |                |             |             |             |
| Receipt of approvals & permits |                   |                | Q4          |             |             |
| Detailed Design                |                   |                |             | Q3/Q4       |             |
| Early Site Works               |                   |                |             | Q3          |             |
| Construction                   |                   |                |             |             | Q2/Q3       |
| Commissioning                  |                   |                |             |             | Q4          |



The Project website (<https://transalta.com/about-us/our-operations/projects-in-development/watercharger-battery-storage/>) and our team remain available to you throughout the planning and design, construction and operation phases of the Project. If you have any questions about the Project, please reach out to the team by phone at **+1 (403) 267-2005** or by email at: [watercharger@transalta.com](mailto:watercharger@transalta.com)

We remain committed to keeping you informed of our progress on our WaterCharger Project. Thank you for your continuing interest.

Yours truly,

**TRANSALTA CORPORATION**

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