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**FortisAlberta begins conversion of streetlights to LED technology in Crowsnest Pass**

**Crowsnest Pass – August 29, 2016** - FortisAlberta, an electricity distribution company that provides service to central and southern Alberta, has developed a Light Emitting Diode (LED) Conversion Option to meet the needs of municipal customers who are seeking LED replacements for their existing streetlights.

In April 2016, FortisAlberta filed an application with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) to convert existing streetlights under this program. The AUC granted approval of the program and approved the first six municipalities (Canmore, Crowsnest Pass, Devon, Okotoks, St. Albert and Wetaskiwin) for conversion.

“This is a great initiative that will allow us to continue to improve the energy efficiency of our infrastructure, while controlling costs for our customers,” says Don Hughes, Director, Business Development. “LED technology has advanced to the point where it is a viable economic and environmental choice for FortisAlberta and our customers, many of whom have requested an LED conversion option.”

Bellevue and Hillcrest in Crowsnest Pass are the first two communities to undergo LED conversions, in which, a total of 153 of their existing High Pressure Sodium (HPS) streetlights will be converted to LED technology beginning the end of August. Through these conversions, Crowsnest Pass will save approximately 92,000 kWh/year, which is equivalent to taking 13 cars off the road; operating 12 homes; or planting 2,700 trees per year.

“This is a significant achievement for FortisAlberta and a win for our customers,” adds Don. With an estimated 80,000 fixtures eligible for this program, FortisAlberta will invest \$30 million dollars into the conversion of these lights for its customers.

**About FortisAlberta**

As owner and operator of more than 60 per cent of Alberta’s total electricity distribution network and more than 120,000 kilometres of power lines, FortisAlberta’s focus is the safe and reliable delivery of electricity to its 530,000 customers in 200 communities across Alberta.

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