

## **FORTISALBERTA OPENS NET ZERO OPERATIONS CENTRE IN COALDALE**

Today, FortisAlberta celebrated the opening of its net zero office building in Coaldale, AB. FortisAlberta relocated its operations centre from Lethbridge to Coaldale in February, a more central location for the large area the electrical distribution company serves. The nearly 20,000 square foot newly constructed facility follows net zero building standards. It produces the same amount of energy, or more, than it will consume in a year.

Electricity is generated by solar arrays on the roof and at the back of the property. Net zero design standards include eco-friendly materials, high efficiency mechanical systems and LED lighting that work together to significantly reduce energy use.

“This new facility provided us an opportunity to test net zero building standards in an operational context,” says Janine Sullivan, FortisAlberta President and CEO. “By integrating environmentally responsible design and construction standards with our specific operational requirements, we are demonstrating for our customers that net zero designs are achievable in a commercial and industrial setting.”

FortisAlberta’s new net zero facility is situated on 6.7 acres of land, providing 11,000 square feet of shop space and 8,500 square feet of office space. The company has already welcomed its thirty-two employees who live and work in the community and surrounding areas to its new Coaldale facility.

From this service point local employees manage over 21,000 services throughout 9,400 square kilometres. This includes the towns of Coaldale, Coalhurst, Magrath, Milk River, Nobleford, Picture Butte and Raymond and the Villages of Barons, Carmangay, Coutts, Stirling and Warner. It spans parts of the counties of Cardston, Taber, Warner, Willow Creek, Lethbridge and Vulcan.

### **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 almost 600,000 customer sites across central and southern Alberta. The Company serves more than 240 communities with 128,000 kilometres of distribution power lines across Alberta.

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