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OSPREY NEST SUCCESSFULLY MOVED FROM POWER LINE

Crew erects a new nest platform to ensure the safety of birds and electrical system

FOX CREEK, Alberta – Ospreys nesting near Fox Creek will have a safer home, thanks to ATCO Electric and Alberta Fish and Wildlife, Sustainable Resource Development. Today, a crew successfully relocated a large nest that was perched on a power line in the Kaybob oilfield area, north of Fox Creek.

“ATCO Electric is committed to operating its facilities safely and in an environmentally responsible manner,” said Bobbi Lambright, President, Operations Division, ATCO Electric. “Our comprehensive Avian Protection Program was established to protect wildlife, while ensuring the safe and reliable delivery of electricity service to our customers.”

To prepare for the move, ATCO Electric contacted Alberta Fish and Wildlife to develop a plan, de-energized the line and waited for the birds to migrate south for the winter. This morning, a 14-metre pole was erected approximately 90 metres from the power line. With the pole in place, the crew installed a platform at the top of it for the nest to sit on. The nest was then carefully moved onto the platform.

Ospreys build bulky nests on high points, and like eagles, return to their nests yearly. When nest-building occurs, the risk of electrocution and subsequent outages substantially increases from the osprey carrying sticks, string and other nesting material around energized equipment. As well, ospreys are large enough that they are capable of spanning the distance between energized components on most electricity distribution poles.

ATCO Electric’s Avian Protection Plan is a voluntary management plan that outlines a set of operating principles in an effort to address avian-related power line issues. There are numerous components that make up the comprehensive plan, including new construction design standards, nest management, risk assessment, and training for ATCO employees.

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