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## **ATCO ACQUIRES 39 MW SOLAR DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN EASTERN ALBERTA, REINFORCING ITS ONGOING COMMITMENT TO A MORE SUSTAINABLE ENERGY FUTURE**

**CALGARY, Alberta – ATCO Ltd. (TSX: ACO.X) (TSX: ACO.Y)**

ATCO has acquired the Empress Solar Project, a 39 MW photovoltaic solar facility under development in Alberta, marking another step in ATCO's commitment to contribute to the decarbonization of the electricity grid while enabling customers to reduce the carbon intensity of their energy. Through Canadian Utilities Limited, ATCO acquired the development rights to the project from a third-party developer. Financial terms of the agreement are not being disclosed.

"This kind of energy project is a central pillar of ATCO's strategy, a strategy anchored by our commitment to sustainability through the production of cleaner fuels, renewable electricity, energy efficiency and critical energy infrastructure," said Bob Myles, Executive Vice President, Corporate Development, ATCO.

In recent months, ATCO completed Canada's largest and most northerly off-grid solar project, announced a potential world-scale clean hydrogen project and began work on a renewable natural gas production facility.

The latest project, located south of the village of Empress near the Alberta-Saskatchewan border, has received its major permits, with project execution underway and commercial operations expected in 2022. Electricity from the Empress Solar Project will be sold into the Alberta power market and ATCO is currently negotiating with potential off-takers to contract the facility's output.

Using about 85,000 bifacial solar panels affixed to a single-axis tracking system, the facility will provide enough renewable electricity to power more than 11,000 homes annually, offsetting 43,000 tonnes of carbon a year.

### **ATCO's Commitment to Sustainability**

For ATCO, sustainability is more than an aspiration; it is interwoven into our strategy, our day-to-day operations, the products and services we provide, and the fabric of our people. It manifests across our family of companies in countless ways, both in how we conduct our day-to-day activities and in the contributions we make to society through both our operations and the community spirit of our people. Our enduring and holistic commitment is clearly reflected in our efforts to cost-effectively and reliably



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accelerate the **energy transition**; enhance our **environmental performance and reduce our greenhouse gas emissions**; **champion the safety, inclusivity, and equity** of our people, communities, and customers; **foster Indigenous and community partnerships** based on trust, equity and mutual respect; and ensure **uninterrupted, resilient, and reliable access** to essential products and services—anytime, anywhere.

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