EQUS acquires land for future facilities at the Junction 42 Area in Red Deer County

Red Deer County and EQUS reach agreement on land acquisition

(RED DEER COUNTY) EQUS and Red Deer County are pleased to share that an agreement has been reached that will see EQUS purchase just over seven acres of land in Red Deer County's Junction 42 development area. EQUS provides co-operative electricity distribution services to over 13,000 rural Alberta homes, businesses, and farms, many of which is in Red Deer County, as well as commercial and industrial developments including the Junction 42 area.

The acquired land will eventually be the site of a new office, shop, and yard for EQUS' Central Service Area team, comprised of approximately 40 employees, and their fleet. The Junction 42 Area is located along one of North America's busiest travel and trade routes along the Queen Elizabeth II Highway; with 290 acres ready for future commercial development, this location provides easy access to major and secondary highways and taking shape to become one of Alberta's most innovative and future-forward business park developments which originated as a partnership between Red Deer County and the Government of Alberta.

"EQUS is pleased to be entering into this exciting opportunity with Red Deer County. As a member-owned co-operative, everything we do is focused on serving our members and serving our communities. EQUS serves many members in Red Deer County and the surrounding area, and provides distribution services to the Junction 42 development. The location of this future EQUS facility will ensure that our central Alberta team is able to provide timely service to our members, while adding value to our community and our co-operative. We look forward to beginning work on an innovative new facility for our team." States Andy Metzger, Chief Executive Officer for EQUS.

Mayor Wood expressed his gratitude and remarked that "Red Deer County is honored that EQUS has chosen to build in the Junction 42 area, the centralized location is ideal and will support the numerous members in and surrounding the County, I look forward to welcoming the EQUS team to their new office in the future!"

About EQUS:
Celebrating 75 years of powering rural Alberta, EQUS is Canada's largest member-owned utility. EQUS provides safe, reliable electricity distribution services to over 13,000 rural homes, businesses, and farms, as well as commercial and industrial developments in 26 Alberta municipal districts and counties, including Red Deer County. EQUS is headquartered in Innisfail, with additional offices in Claresholm, Medicine Hat, and Onoway. Learn more at equs.ca.

To view the **Junction 42 Industrial Business Park concept video** visit: https://youtu.be/iv2k9C40OrM to *stay up to date with Red Deer County, visit www.rdcounty.ca or go to our Twitter and Facebook pages.*

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