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Sent via Email: dwandzura@rockyview.ca

RE: Injury on Stairs by Bearspaw Reservoir

Dear Dorian:

I am writing regarding an incident that we understand occurred earlier this year at the Springbank Heights Bow River area in the Rocky View County Municipal Reserve. We appreciate Cheri Anderson from Rocky View County making us aware of this incident on March 9, 2023.

Rocky View County owns the field next to the river and the parking lot area and it is our understanding that the surrounding parcels are used by the public as a walking park.

Unbeknownst to TransAlta, someone constructed stairs leading from the walking area down to the river on TransAlta's property. We understand that a family was carrying a canoe up the stairs and became unbalanced, leading to a fall off the stairs.

The stairs are not owned by either party and appear to have been illegally constructed. Upon further inspection of the stairs, TransAlta believes these stairs were not constructed according to any existing building codes, and that the stairs cannot reasonably be made safe for the public. We have attached an image for your reference. As these stairs are on TransAlta property and are a hazard, we are writing to notify you that TransAlta will be removing them.

We are requesting your assistance in preventing further incidents. TransAlta asks that Rocky View County place appropriate signage at the parking lot stating this is private property and there is no access allowed to the water from this site.



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While TransAlta's immediate next steps will seek to prevent further incidents where anyone could be hurt, we understand the desire by the public to access the river. We believe safe water access in appropriate locations for the public should be developed and we would be happy to meet with Rocky View County representatives at your earliest convenience to discuss the path forward.

Yours truly,

TRANSALTA CORPORATION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Lagos", is written over the company name.

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Encl: Photograph



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