

August 29, 2011

**Re: Abee Substation and Weasel Creek Transmission Line Project
Notice of application filing**

Dear stakeholder,

AltaLink would like to thank you for your ongoing participation in the Abee Substation and Weasel Creek Transmission Line Project. We would like to inform you that we submitted an application for the project to the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) on July 28, 2011.

The project

The Abee Substation and Weasel Creek Transmission Line Project is in the Redwater area and includes:

- a new substation, to be called Abee 993S, within a fenced area approximately 25 metres by 60 metres (82 feet by 197 feet)
- approximately 10 kilometres of new single circuit 138 kV transmission line to be called 808AL
- approximately 200 metres of new single circuit 138 kV transmission line to be called 437L

The new 808AL line is proposed to be built between AltaLink's existing 808L transmission line and the service area boundary as indicated on the enclosed 808AL Transmission Line map. The new 437L is proposed to be built between AltaLink's proposed Abee 993S Substation and the service area boundary as indicated on the enclosed Abee Substation map. At the service area boundary, ATCO Electric is proposing to continue the new transmission lines to its proposed Weasel Creek Substation.

Please note that the 437L transmission line was not described in previous newsletters, although the interconnection between the Abee 993S Substation and ATCO Electric's Abee Transmission Line was highlighted. If you have questions, concerns or would like to provide us with your input about this section of transmission line, please contact us using the information at the bottom of this letter.

We have included both the 808AL preferred and alternate routes in the application for the AUC to consider.

This transmission development will provide Enbridge Pipelines and Access Pipelines with a reliable supply of power for their pump station facilities.

Update: project details

AltaLink would also like to provide the following updates on the changes to project details.

Some transmission structures may be up to 28 metres (92 feet) in height where the transmission line connects to the existing line in the area, at corners, road crossings and railway crossings. AltaLink had previously advised stakeholders that the maximum tower height would be 22 metres (72 feet), which is still proposed in most locations of the transmission line.

Update: project schedule

October to November 2010	First stage of consultation – completed
December 2010	Used stakeholder feedback to refine routes – completed
January to April 2011	Second stage of consultation – completed
July 2011	Filed facilities application with the AUC – completed
April 2012	Begin project construction – if the project is approved by the AUC
October 2012	Complete project construction

Next steps

The AUC will review the application and can approve, approve with conditions or deny the project. The AUC may also host a hearing regarding the project. To learn more about the AUC process and how you can become involved please visit www.auc.ab.ca.

We will notify you of the AUC’s decision regarding the project. If the project is approved, construction could begin in April 2012 and would take approximately six months to complete.

Where construction activities are required to take place on private property, we will notify you in advance of the specific dates and times we would require access to your property.

If the project is approved, you may see or hear the following during the construction process:

- noise and construction crews
- selective tree and vegetation clearing
- transmission structure construction
- wire stringing on the transmission structures
- constructing a new substation

The application

The application can be viewed on the AUC’s website at www.auc.ab.ca.

To access the application, click on ‘Applications’ on the right hand side of the page, then click on ‘Current Applications’ and follow the directions on the page to view the application. The application number is 1607550.

Alternatively you can type in the full internet address to view the application:

https://www.auc.ab.ca/eub/dds/eps_Query/ProceedingDetail.aspx?ProceedingId=1363

If you would like a copy of the application please contact us at the information listed below and we will mail one to you.

Contact us

Stakeholder input has been important in determining the best solution for this project. We are available to gather any further input you may have or address any questions or concerns. Please contact us at the email address or phone number listed below.

Further information about this project and maps are available on our website at www.altalink.ca/regionalprojects.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Regan Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Regan" being more prominent than the last name "Smith".

Regan Smith
Manager, Stakeholder Engagement

Enclosures:

- Abee 993S Substation Detail Photo (DP1) Map - 2011-06-22
- 808AL Transmission Line from ATCO Territory to 808L DP1 Map - 2011-06-22
- AUC brochure: *Public Involvement in Needs or Facilities Applications*
- Appendix A: Other projects in the area