

July 12, 2011

## **Airdrie Area Transmission Reinforcement Notice of application filing**

Dear stakeholder,

AltaLink would like to thank you for your ongoing participation in the Airdrie Area Transmission Reinforcement. We would like to inform you that we submitted an application for the project to the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) on June 30, 2011.

### **The project**

The Airdrie Area Transmission Reinforcement is in the Airdrie area and includes:

- Building a new substation east of the City of Airdrie
- Building approximately 12 kilometres (km) of new transmission line from the existing 631L line to the proposed Twin Lakes 248S substation
- Installing a telecommunications tower within the proposed substation site
- Replacing a portion of an existing transmission line (called 631L) from Dry Creek to points A20 or B25 on the map included in this package

Alberta's population has grown significantly in recent years and the majority of the transmission system has not been upgraded to keep pace with the growth. This project will help meet the growing demand for power in the Airdrie area.

An updated map of the proposed project is included in this package. A structure diagram is also included – the 240 kV structure is required to connect the Twin Lakes Substation to line 929L.

### **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](http://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 the spring of 2012 and would take approximately 18 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
- work at an existing substation
- constructing a new substation

## The application

The application can be viewed on the AUC's website at [www.auc.ab.ca](http://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 1607465.

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

[https://www.auc.ab.ca/eub/dds/iar\\_query/ViewApplication.aspx?appnumber=1607465](https://www.auc.ab.ca/eub/dds/iar_query/ViewApplication.aspx?appnumber=1607465)

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 critical in determining the best solution for this project. We are available to gather any further input you have or address any questions or concerns. Please contact us at [stakeholderrelations@altalink.ca](mailto:stakeholderrelations@altalink.ca) or 1-877-380-0303.

Further information about this project and maps are available on [www.altalink.ca/regionalprojects](http://www.altalink.ca/regionalprojects).

Sincerely,



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