

January 9, 2012

**Athabasca Area Telecommunications Upgrade – Weasel Creek Telecommunications Tower
Notice of application amendment**

Dear stakeholder,

AltaLink would like to thank you for your ongoing participation in the Athabasca Area Telecommunications Upgrade. We would like to inform you that we filed an application amendment for the Weasel Creek telecommunications tower with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) on December 21, 2011.

The project - location amendment

On December 17, 2010 we filed the original application for the Athabasca Area Telecommunications Upgrade. In that application we proposed to locate the Weasel Creek telecommunications tower at NW-28-60-20-W4M.

Based on stakeholder feedback, we are now proposing to build the tower approximately six kilometres (three and a half miles) northeast of that location at NW-6-61-19-W4M. The new proposed location was determined to have a lower overall impact than the previous site. Please see the map included in this package to view the new proposed location for the Weasel Creek telecommunications tower.

The proposed Weasel Creek telecommunications tower will:

- be approximately 85 metres (280 feet) tall
- be supported with guy wires
- have a triangular base of approximately one and a half metres (five feet)
- have lighting and be painted to comply with Transport Canada's requirements

Next steps

The AUC will review the application amendment 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 spring 2012.

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

- noise and construction crews
- selective vegetation clearing
- telecommunications tower construction
- anchoring guy-wires on the telecommunications tower

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 side of the page, then click on 'Current Applications' and follow the directions on the page to view the application. The application number is 1606869.

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=861

To view the amendment filed on December 21, 2011, click on 'Proceeding Submissions' and open exhibit number 0153.00.AML-861.

If you would like a copy of the application or the amendment 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 regional.projects@altalink.ca or 1-877-380-0303.

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

Sincerely,



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Enclosures:

- Weasel Creek Radio Site Detail Photo (DP1) Map – 2011-09-28
- AUC brochure: *Public Involvement in Needs or Facilities Applications*