

November 19, 2018

**McLaughlin Wind Aggregated Generating Facility Connection  
Project update**

Thank you for your ongoing participation in the McLaughlin Wind Aggregated Generating Facility Connection project. We submitted an application for the project to the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) on December 16, 2015. We would like to inform you of changes to the project and share an updated schedule with you.

**Project details**

AltaLink is proposing to connect Renewable Energy Services Ltd.'s McLaughlin Wind Farm to the electric system, providing Alberta with a new source of renewable energy. This project involves:

- Based on the approved customer substation location AltaLink will be constructing approximately 110 metres (360 feet) of new transmission line, which will be called 164AL
- modifying the existing 164L transmission line
- installing fibre optic cable in three locations

**Project update**

The five (5) Guy-wire supported structures initially proposed will no longer be required on the 164L. As a result, the previously proposed guy wire easement and additional right-of-way along the existing transmission 164L line will no longer be required. AltaLink is also no longer proposing to salvage any structures as previously proposed along the 164L.

Instead, a proposed self-supporting steel structure will be built on the 164L line that will look similar to the structure shown on the right.



**Updated anticipated project schedule**

File amendment with Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC)	April 2019
Start construction if project is approved	June 2020
Construction completed	August 2020

*Although we attempt to follow the anticipated project schedule it is subject to change. We will continue to provide you with updated schedule information if required as the project progresses.*

**Next Steps**

AltaLink will consult with directly affected landowners on the changes to the project noted in the Project update.

We will file an amendment with the AUC in Spring 2019 for the updated schedule outlined above, as well as the updated project cost. Please note that all costs for this project will be paid by Renewable Energy Services Ltd. In an effort to keep you updated we ask that you review the information and contact us if you have any concerns.

The AUC will review the amended application and can approve, approve with conditions, or deny the project. We will notify stakeholders when we file the amendment and again when the AUC has reached a decision about the project.

**Contact us**

We are available to address any questions or concerns you may have regarding the project or the project amendment. Please contact us at [stakeholderrelations@altalink.ca](mailto:stakeholderrelations@altalink.ca) or 1.877.269.5903.

Further information about this project and maps are available at:

<http://www.altalink.ca/projects/view/114/mclaughlin-wind-aggregated-generating-facility-connection>

*To learn more about Alberta's electric system and the need for the project, please contact:*

**ALBERTA ELECTRIC SYSTEM OPERATOR (AESO)**

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Sincerely,



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