

December 14, 2012

**Medicine Hat 138 kV Transmission Project:
Notice of application filing**

AltaLink would like to thank you for your ongoing participation in the Medicine Hat 138 kV Transmission Project. We would like to inform you that we submitted an application for the project to the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) on December 3, 2012.

The project

This proposed project will help meet the growing demand for power in the Medicine Hat area and will ensure Albertans have a reliable supply of electricity for years to come. The Medicine Hat 138 kV Transmission Project includes:

- building a new 138 kV (138, 000 volts) double circuit transmission line approximately 45 to 55 kilometres in length from the existing Bullshead Substation to the approved Bowmanton Substation
- upgrading the existing single circuit 138 kV transmission line by removing the existing line between the existing Medicine Hat and Chappice Lake substations and constructing a new double circuit 138 kV line in its place
- removing and adding of some new structures in the immediate area around the Bullshead and Medicine Hat substations
- building a new 138 kV single circuit transmission line approximately 800 metres in length to connect the approved Bowmanton Substation and the Chappice Lake Substation
- adding new equipment to the approved Bowmanton Substation and the existing Medicine Hat, Bullshead and Chappice Lake substations to accommodate the proposed new transmission lines

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 fall 2013 and would take approximately 18 months to complete.

We will be contacting landowners to discuss the terms of land access prior to any construction activities taking place. 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 substations

The application

The application can be viewed on the AUC 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 1609095.

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=1609095

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 satrinfor@altalink.ca or 1.877.269.5903.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pam', followed by a period.

Pam Kean
Director, Consultation