

April 17, 2014

**Medicine Hat 138 kV Transmission Project:
Project update**

Thank you for your ongoing participation in the Medicine Hat 138 kV Transmission Project. We want to update you regarding developments following the Alberta Utilities Commission's (AUC) October 18, 2013, approval of the project.

Please see the attached map for a detailed view of the approved routes. The new build portion, labeled section 'A,' is shown as a pink line. The upgrade portion, labelled section 'B' is a yellow line, while section 'C' represents upgrades to the Bowmanton Substation.

Planned amendment

Further engineering of the new build portion has identified an induction issue where the line parallels an eight kilometre (five mile) section of railway north of Highway 1 near Dunmore. Induction could impact the railway communications system.

We are currently conducting detailed studies to identify a suitable distance from the railway where the line may be constructed. Landowners in the area will be contacted to discuss potential solutions once our studies are complete.

We plan to file an amendment to the AUC in summer 2014 after all studies have been completed. This amendment will include our proposed solution, as well as feedback from landowners in the area. The AUC has temporarily suspended permits and licenses on the new build portion. No construction can occur on this portion until our amendment has been filed and reviewed and our permits and licenses have been reinstated by the AUC.

Construction schedule

As a result of these developments, we have altered our construction schedule. When the project was approved, we planned to begin construction with the new build portion in late 2013 or early 2014. We now plan to begin construction on the upgrade portion of the approved project prior to the new build portion. Pending a decision from the AUC, we will notify you when construction activities may begin on the new build portion.

Upgrades to the Bowmanton Substation - adding two transformers and associated equipment - are scheduled to begin in April 2014, and are anticipated to take eight months to complete. Construction on the upgrade portion of the project is expected to begin in November 2014, and will take approximately 12 months to complete.

We will notify you in advance of dates when we may require access to your property throughout the construction process. If you have any questions regarding our construction process, please contact us.

Depending on where you are in relation to the project, you may see or hear:

- survey crews
- drilling crews for bore holes
- material delivery traffic

- noise and construction crews
- selective tree and vegetation clearing
- transmission structure construction
- wire stringing on the transmission structures
- work at existing substations

The project

This 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 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 between the Medicine Hat and Bowmanton substations
- removing and adding some new structures in the immediate area around the Bullshead and Medicine Hat substations
- reconnecting a 138 kV single circuit transmission line approximately 800 metres (2,600 feet) 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

Contact us

We will keep you informed regarding the status of our amendment with the AUC, and ultimately the construction schedule of the project. We are available to gather any further input you have or address any questions or concerns. Please contact us at satrinfo@altalink.ca or 1.877.269.5903.

Further information about this project is available at www.altalink.ca/projects.

Sincerely,



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