

June 19, 2015

RE: Cooking Lake 138 kV Transmission Line and Substation Upgrade Project - Route Changes

Thank you for your ongoing participation in the Cooking Lake 138 kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line and Substation Upgrade Project (Project) as part of the South and West of Edmonton Area Transmission Development. We want to provide you with an update regarding adjustments being made to the preferred route previously identified in AltaLink's May 2014 stakeholder information package.

Project background

The proposed Project will be located south of Edmonton and east of the Beaumont. The Project includes the following components:

- construction of approximately 25 kilometres (15 miles) of double circuit 138 kV transmission line from the existing 780L transmission line to the existing Cooking Lake Substation
- upgrades and a fence expansion at the Cooking Lake Substation, which is located on AltaLink owned land
- minor modifications to the existing 780L transmission line to allow for the connection of a new 138 kV double circuit transmission line

Route adjustments

In May 2014 we mailed potentially affected stakeholders an information package identifying AltaLink's proposed preferred and alternate routes. As a result of ongoing consultation, engineering and further route analysis, AltaLink is proposing three adjustments to the preferred route. These route adjustments include:

- a portion of the preferred route between designation points D75 and D80 was re-aligned slightly to the west to reduce future land fragmentation, as seen on Focus Photo Map 3 (FP3) (attached). The revised alignment is the solid red line, while the previously identified route is identified by the dotted grey and white line. Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development (AESRD) has been consulted by AltaLink and has no objections to this proposed route adjustment.
- a portion of the preferred route between designation points D21 and D29 was moved to the south and east to avoid an existing pipeline, as seen on Focus Photo Map 4 (FP4) (attached). The revised alignment is the solid red line, while the previously identified route is identified by the dotted grey and white line.
- a portion of the preferred route between designation points D29 and D34 has been shifted to the south to increase the distance of the preferred route from Mill Creek, as seen on Focus Photo Map 5 (FP5) (attached). The revised alignment is the solid red line, while the previously identified route is identified by the dotted grey and white line.

Next steps

Please contact us if you have any questions or would like to provide further input about these alternate route adjustments. We plan to file our facilities application with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC)

in the coming weeks. We will notify stakeholders along the preferred and alternate routes when the application is filed.

The AUC will review the application and can approve, approve with conditions or deny the Project. In making its decision, the AUC can chose either the preferred or alternate route and in past projects the AUC has chosen alternate routes. The AUC is likely to host a hearing regarding the Project. To learn more about the AUC process and how you can become involved please refer to the AUC Brochure: *Public Involvement in Needs or Facilities Applications* included in this package.

Contact us

Stakeholder input has been important in determining the preferred solution for this Project. Please contact us at 1-877-267-1453 (toll-free) or stakeholderrelations@altalink.ca if you have any questions.

Further information about this Project and maps are available at <http://www.altalink.ca/projects/natp/sweatd/overview-1.cfm>.

Sincerely,



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Included in this package:

- Focus Photo Map 3 (FP3)
- Focus Photo Map 4 (FP4)
- Focus Photo Map 5 (FP5)
- AUC brochure: Public Involvement in Needs or Facilities Applications