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## **Red Deer Area Transmission Development – Decommission and salvage of remaining portions of transmission lines 80L and 716L**

### **Notice of project approval**

Thank you for your ongoing participation in the Red Deer Area Transmission Development project. The Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) approved this project for construction on October 19, 2020.

### **Next steps**

We plan to begin construction and salvage activities in January 2021 and anticipate it will take approximately two winter seasons to complete.

Where construction activities are required to take place on private property, we will contact you in advance to discuss the specific dates and times we will require access to your property.

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

- surveying of structures prior to the construction
- noise and construction crews
- crews dismantling and removing structures
- trucks hauling structures from the project site
- work at an existing substation to salvage the remaining equipment

### **AUC approval**

When the AUC approves a transmission project, it grants AltaLink Permits and licences. The permits and licences for this project can be viewed on the AUC website at:

<https://www2.auc.ab.ca/Proceeding25140/SitePages/ViewDispositions.aspx>

To view the above link, you will need to log in to your eFiling account. If you do not have an account, select 'New Account' in the Login box and follow the steps onscreen. Please note any questions or concerns regarding account creation and management should be directed towards the AUC at [info@auc.ab.ca](mailto:info@auc.ab.ca)

If you have any issues accessing these Permits and Licences, please contact us at the details below and we will mail copies of the documents to you.

## Project background

AltaLink previously provided information about the removal of existing transmission lines and equipment following the energization of the new transmission lines near Innisfail and Lacombe (constructed as part of the Red Deer Area Transmission Development) in 2016.

Since our previous newsletter in November 2016, we have split the line removal project into two phases.

The first phase involves removing the line from Red Deer to Innisfail, and an application was filed with the AUC in June 2017, and the AUC approved that phase of the project in July 2017.

The second phase involves removing the line from Wetaskiwin to Lacombe and was filed with the AUC in November as stated above. This phase of the project involves:

- Salvaging approximately 24km of 138kV transmission line called 80L
- Salvaging approximately 36km of 138kV transmission line called 716L

These transmission lines are located between the West Lacombe 958S substation, and the Wetaskiwin 40S substation.

AltaLink will also be completing some salvage work on behalf of TransAlta Corporation in certain locations and removing some equipment from the Wetaskiwin 40S substation that is no longer needed.

## Contact us

We are available to address any questions or concerns you may have. Please contact us at [stakeholderrelations@altalink.ca](mailto:stakeholderrelations@altalink.ca) or 1-877-267-1453. Further information about this project and maps are available at <http://www.altalink.ca/projects/view/196/red-deer-area-transmission-development-stage-4>

Sincerely,

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