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

You are receiving this letter as we want to provide you with an update about planned activities in your area for the Red Deer Area Transmission Development. In November 2020, you may have received a letter advising that work to decommission and salvage the remaining portions of two 138 kilovolt transmission lines (called 80L and 716L) was scheduled to begin in January 2021. Due to schedule delays, this work is now anticipated to begin in August 2022.

Upcoming salvage activities

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

Next steps

Once the transmission structures have been salvaged, AltaLink will begin the process to reclaim and remediate the land where they were located.

AltaLink will perform assessments to determine if any impacts to the land occurred, and complete remediation at structure locations. Locations where wood preservatives are found will be remediated to ensure the land meets provincial soil and groundwater guidelines.

After remediation work has been completed, AltaLink will reclaim the land to the equivalent land capability to ensure ecological health, function, and operability. When the project is completed, the land will support similar uses or activities that existed prior to construction of the transmission equipment. A final step to the reclamation process will include AltaLink's application to Alberta Environment and Parks for a reclamation certificate.

Registrations on title, including rights-of-way and easements, will be removed at a later date. Affected landowners will be contacted at that time.

Remediation and reclamation work is anticipated to begin in the fall of 2022, once the decommissioning and salvage work is complete. In some locations, remediation and reclamation work will begin in the fall of 2023. We will provide an update as the project progresses.

Project background

This project is to decommission and salvage the remaining portions of the 80L and 716L transmission lines between the City of Wetaskiwin and the City of Lacombe, and was approved by the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) on October 19, 2020.

The project involves salvaging:

- approximately 24 kilometres of the 80L transmission line
- approximately 36 kilometres the 716L transmission line

AltaLink will also be completing some salvage work on behalf of TransAlta Corporation in certain locations and removing some equipment from the Wetaskiwin 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 or 1-877-267-1453. Further information about this project and maps are available at <https://www.altalink.ca/projects/view/138/red-deer-area-transmission-development>.

Sincerely,

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