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## **13L Transmission Line Rebuild**

### **Project update**

Thank you for your ongoing participation in the 13L Transmission Line Rebuild. We would like to provide you with an update. If you are new to the project, we have also included prior project information for your reference.

### **Project background**

The 13L Transmission Line Rebuild is located between the towns of Okotoks and High River and involves salvaging approximately 14 kilometres of 69 kilovolt (kV) transmission line and replacing it with approximately 14 kilometres of new 69 kV transmission line with structures, approximately 5 to 10 metres taller than the existing structures, primarily along its existing alignment.

The 13L transmission line was built in 1929 and has reached the end of its lifecycle. Rebuilding this transmission line will ensure that residents in the area continue to have a reliable supply of power.

### **Route updates**

We notified nearby landowners of a route change immediately south of Okotoks in our November 2017 information package and since that time further changes have been made.

In the November 2017 information package, we showed the preferred route as a red line on the maps. This 1.6 km line relocation – which was requested by a developer – will be identified in AltaLink’s application as the “developer requested relocation route” and is shown as a red line on the attached maps. The developer has not agreed to pay for the incremental costs resulting from the relocation. As such, AltaLink will be recommending the approval of the existing alignment, which is a lower cost route.

AltaLink notes that minor changes to the developer requested relocation route have been made in consultation with the developer and the Town of Okotoks to accommodate the crossing of Highway 783 and Highway 7. The revised route is shown on the attached map.

The previously named alternate route, shown as a green line in our November 2017 information package, will be identified in AltaLink’s application as the “existing alignment route” and is shown as a yellow/red dashed line on the attached map.

The proposed existing alignment route and the proposed developer requested relocation route will both be included for consideration in the facility application that we intend to file with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC). The AUC will determine the final route.

### **Modifications to existing transmission lines**

As part of the project, to facilitate the rebuild of the 13L line, up to five structures on the 158L transmission line in the Town of Okotoks and one structure on the 753L transmission line adjacent to the High River Substation will also be replaced as part of the proposed project. The locations of these structures are shown in purple on the attached map and will be wood pole structures. The new structures on the 158L line will be approximately eight metres taller than the existing structures. Work on these modifications will take place at the same time as the other project construction activities.



*The new structures will look similar to the above*

### **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](http://www.auc.ab.ca).

We will notify you of the AUC's decision regarding the project. If the project is approved, construction activities could begin in fall 2018 and take approximately four months to complete.

If the project is approved, you may see or hear the following during the construction process:

- noise and construction crews
- activity at an existing substation
- transmission structure construction
- wire stringing activities

### **Contact us**

AltaLink is available to gather any further input you have or address any questions or concerns. 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/245/13l-transmission-line-rebuild>.

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