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## Chapel Rock to Pincher Creek Area Transmission Development Project update – new potential options

You are receiving this letter because you are either an existing stakeholder on the proposed Chapel Rock to Pincher Creek Area Transmission Development or you have the potential to be impacted by recent changes to the project.

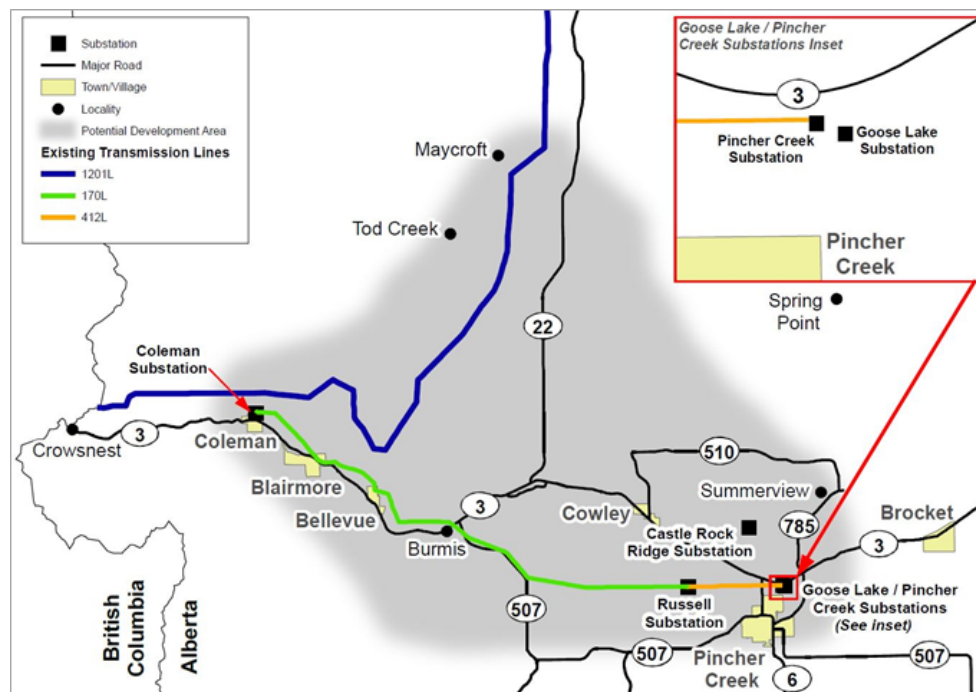
We want to let you know what the changes mean, what our next steps are in the process and how you can provide your input.

### New option being considered

Recently, you should have received a notification from the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) about an update they have made to the project. As a result of feedback received from stakeholders, the AESO has asked AltaLink to look into the possibility of a new option to meet the identified transmission needs in the area.

This new option includes using existing transmission line rights-of-way in the area by replacing the existing 412L line and a section of the 170L line (both 138 kV) with one 240 kV line. This option would also require modifications at the existing Goose Lake, Pincher Creek, Russell and Coleman substations. You can see these lines and the associated substations in the map provided by the AESO below.

We understand this update impacts new stakeholders that have not been involved in this project over the last several months. We want you to know there will be ample time and opportunities for stakeholders to provide feedback on any new transmission line routes and substation locations.



Map provided by the AESO

## **Project background**

The proposed Chapel Rock to Pincher Creek Area Transmission Development includes:

- A new 240 kV transmission line, between 35 and 47 km long, that will connect to an existing substation north of Pincher Creek and to a proposed new substation, to be called Chapel Rock Substation
- The proposed Chapel Rock Substation will connect the new transmission line to the existing 1201L transmission line, a 500 kV line which is the Alberta/British Columbia intertie
- To connect the Chapel Rock Substation to the 1201L transmission line, some modifications to the existing 500 kV structures or a new 500 kV line up to 13 km long may be required

## **What we have done so far**

We've been consulting with stakeholders throughout 2018, and most recently in September we mailed project information packages to everyone within 800 metres of the potential transmission line routes and substation sites that we identified for this project.

Since then we have been having one-on-one consultations with stakeholders in the area, held public events in Pincher Creek, Cowley and Lundbreck and hosted two information sessions in Blairmore to gather feedback to help us refine the proposed routes and substation site options.

## **Next steps**

As we continue to analyze the existing options that we are already consulting on, we will also study this new option with the same considerations we apply to all of our route options. We'll use all of this information to help us refine our transmission line route and substation site options for the project.

We anticipate being able to provide an update on the refined options in late spring. We'll gather stakeholder input on the refined options through additional public events and one-on-one consultations before filing an application for the proposed project at the end of the year.

## **How to provide your input**

Stakeholder input is critical to identifying the lowest overall impact solution for this project. You can contact us at 1-877-267-1453 (toll-free) or by email at [stakeholderrelations@altalink.ca](mailto:stakeholderrelations@altalink.ca). Visit [www.altalink.ca/chapelrock](http://www.altalink.ca/chapelrock) to see all of the information that has been communicated about this project until now. You can also subscribe to receive project updates.

If you have any questions regarding the need for this project, please contact the AESO directly at [stakeholder.relations@aeso.ca](mailto:stakeholder.relations@aeso.ca) or 1-888-866-2959.

Sincerely,

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