

August 1, 2019

Claresholm Solar Connection

Notice of application filing

Thank you for your ongoing participation in the Claresholm Solar Connection. We submitted an application for the project to the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) on July 16, 2019.

Next steps

The AUC will review the application and can 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.

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.

The application

The application can be viewed on the AUC's website at www.auc.ab.ca.

To access the application, click on the 'eFiling System Login' button on the top of the page and log in to your eFiling account. If you do not have an account, select 'New Account' 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

Once your account has been created and you have successfully logged in, type 24679 into the 'Go to...' search bar on the top of the page to locate the application. Alternatively, you can navigate to 'Find', click 'Proceedings' and enter "Claresholm" into the 'Description' search bar.

If you have any issues accessing the application, please contact us at the details below and we will mail a copy of the application to you.

Project background

AltaLink's proposed project involves constructing approximately 30 metres of new 138 kilovolt (kV) transmission line to connect Claresholm Solar's proposed Granum Substation to the transmission system. This new transmission line will be called 180AL and will connect to AltaLink's existing 180L transmission line.

The new transmission line will:

- consist of wood or steel H-frame structures approximately 14 to 25 metres tall
- be single circuit
- have a right-of-way width of approximately 20 metres on private land

Two of the proposed H-frame structures will require airbreak equipment, which isolates portions of a transmission line so that future maintenance can be performed without the need for outages.

Communications equipment upgrades are also required as part of this project to ensure the safe and reliable operation of the transmission system. AltaLink is proposing to install underground fibre optic cable in the proposed transmission line right-of-way, as well as near the Vulcan and Fort Macleod substations.

We are also proposing to install approximately 10 kilometres of fibre optic cable above ground on the existing 161L/180L transmission line.

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 <http://www.altalink.ca/projects/view/300/claresholm-solar-connection>.

Sincerely,



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