

October 3, 2019

Claresholm Solar Connection Notice of Project Approval

Thank you for your ongoing participation in the Claresholm Solar Connection Project. The Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) approved this project for construction on September 17, 2019.

Next steps

We plan to begin construction in June 2020 and anticipate it will take approximately four months 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:

- noise and construction crews
- transmission structure construction
- wire stringing on the transmission structures

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/Proceeding24679/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

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'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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