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Electric system improvements near you

Vista Coal Mine Connection

AltaLink's transmission system efficiently delivers electricity to 85 per cent of Albertans. Dedicated to meeting the growing need for electricity, AltaLink connects Albertans to renewable, reliable and low-cost power. With a commitment to community and environment, AltaLink is ensuring the transmission system will support Albertans' quality of life for years to come. Learn more at www.altalink.ca.

You are receiving this newsletter because you are near the Vista Coal Mine Connection project and we want your input.

Coalspur Mines (operations) Ltd. (Coalspur) has requested a connection to the transmission system for their approved Vista Coal Mine Project. To facilitate this connection, Coalspur has approval to construct a new substation to be called Vista Substation. AltaLink is proposing to construct a **transmission** line, operated and maintained by AltaLink, to connect the Vista Substation to the electric system.

We are providing you with:

- project details
- a map of the proposed project site
- information about how you can provide your input
- the project schedule

If you have questions about the Vista Coal Mine Project, please see Coalspur's contact information on the back page of this newsletter.

DEFINITION:

Transmission

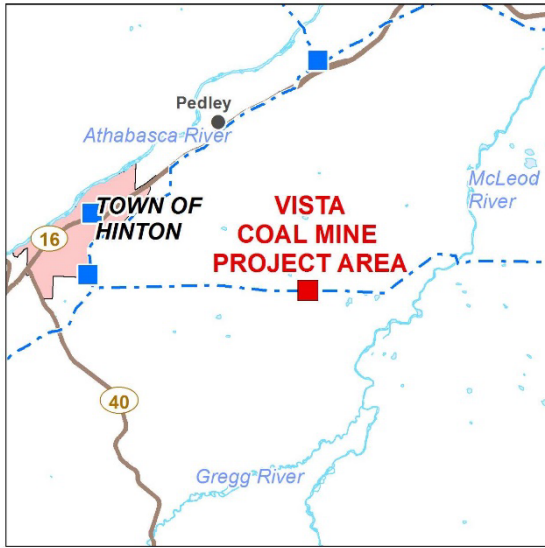
Transmission lines make up Alberta's electric highway, linking the places where power is generated to your community where power is used. Transmission lines transport large amounts of power from power plants across the province. The transmission system connects diverse sources of power generation including wind, solar, natural gas and more.

CONTACT US

1-877-267-1453

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LEGEND	
■	Vista Coal Mine Project Area
■	Existing Substation
- - -	Existing Transmission Line
●	Hamlet or Locality
—	Road
	Urban Area
	Water Body

Project details

The proposed project is located in NE-31-50-23-W5, approximately 13 kilometres southeast of Hinton.

The project involves constructing approximately 195 metres of new 138 kV transmission line to connect Coalspur's proposed Vista Substation to AltaLink's existing 847L transmission line. Modifications to approximately 150 metres of the existing 847L transmission line are also required.

The new transmission structures will:

- consist of two-pole wood or steel structures and include the use of guy wires
- will be single-circuit
- will have a height of approximately 14 to 25 metres
- will have a right-of-way of approximately 20 metres on Crown land

Right-of-way access will be determined during consultation for the project.



Above: A typical two-pole wood structure.

Electric and Magnetic Fields (EMF)

AltaLink recognizes that people have concerns about exposure to Electric and Magnetic Fields (EMF) and we take those concerns seriously. Everyone in our society is exposed to EMF from many sources, including:

- power lines and other electrical facilities
- electrical appliances in your home
- building wiring

National and international organizations such as Health Canada and the World Health Organization have been conducting and reviewing research about EMF for more than 40 years. Based on this research, these organizations have not recommended the general public take steps to limit their everyday exposure to EMF from electrical facilities. If you have any questions about EMF, please contact us.

Website: www.altalink.ca/emf

Email: emfdialogue@altalink.ca

Toll-free phone number: 1 -866-451-7817

Providing your input

We will contact landowners, residents and occupants near the proposed project to gather input and address questions or concerns. After the consultation process is complete we will file an application with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC). The AUC will review the application through a process in which stakeholders can participate.

We will notify stakeholders when we file the application and again once the AUC has reached a decision about the project. To learn more about the AUC process and how you can become involved, please refer to the brochure included in this package titled *Public involvement in a proposed utility development*.

Anticipated project schedule

Notify and consult with stakeholders	Spring 2018
File application with Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC)	Summer 2018
Start construction if project is approved	Fall 2018
Construction completed	Fall/Winter 2018

Although we attempt to follow the anticipated project schedule it is subject to change. We will continue to provide you with updated schedule information if required as the project progresses.

Contact us

To learn more about the proposed project please contact:

ALATALINK

1-877-267-1453 (toll free)

E-mail: stakeholderrelations@altalink.ca

Website: www.altalink.ca/projects

To learn more about Coalspur's proposed mine:

COALSPUR MINES LTD.

Lisa Risvold Jones, Director, Aboriginal and Community Engagement

1-780-740-2458 or 1-780-740-5129

To learn more about Alberta's electric system and the need for the project, please contact:

ALBERTA ELECTRIC SYSTEM OPERATOR (AESO)

1-888-866-2959

E-mail: stakeholder.relations@aeso.ca

The AESO is an independent, not-for-profit organization responsible for the safe, reliable and economic planning and operation of the provincial transmission grid. For more information about why this project is needed, please refer to the AESO's Need Overview included with this package, or visit www.aeso.ca. If you have any questions or concerns about the need for this project you may contact the AESO directly. You can make your questions or concerns known to an AltaLink representative who will collect your personal information for the purpose of addressing your questions and/or concerns to the AESO. This process may include disclosure of your personal information to the AESO.

To learn more about the application and review process, please contact:

ALBERTA UTILITIES COMMISSION (AUC)

780-427-4903 (toll-free by dialing 310-0000 before the number.)

E-mail: consumer-relations@auc.ab.ca

PRIVACY COMMITMENT

AltaLink is committed to protecting your privacy. AltaLink will collect, use, and disclose personal information in accordance with AltaLink's Privacy Policy and the *Personal Information Protection Act* (Alberta). As part of the regulatory process for new transmission projects, AltaLink may provide your personal information to Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC). For more information about how AltaLink protects your personal information, visit our website at www.altalink.ca/privacy or contact us directly via e-mail privacy@altalink.ca or phone at 1-877-267-6760.

INCLUDED IN THIS INFORMATION PACKAGE:

- Project map
- AESO Need Overview
- AUC brochure: *Public involvement in a proposed utility development*

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