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## **TransAlta Windy Flats 138S Substation Upgrade Notice of project approval**

Thank you for your ongoing participation in TransAlta Windy Flats 138S Substation Upgrade project. The Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) approved this project for construction on September 23, 2020.

### **Next steps**

We plan to begin construction in October or November 2020, and it will take approximately five 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
- work at an existing substation

### **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/Proceeding25074/SitePages/Home.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](mailto: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**

Windrise Wind LP, a wholly owned subsidiary of TransAlta Corporation (TransAlta), has applied to the Alberta Utilities Commission for transmission system access to connect its proposed wind aggregate generating facility to the Alberta Interconnected Electric System. To facilitate this connection, TransAlta is proposing to construct a new transmission line which will connect to AltaLink's existing Windy Flats 138S Substation.

AltaLink's scope of work involves adding one new transformer and one new circuit breaker to the existing Windy Flats 138S Substation, located approximately 7.5 kilometres southwest of the Town of Fort MacLeod, east of Range Road 265 (SW-17-8-26-W4).

Fiber optic cable will be required from the last structure outside of the Windy Flats 138S Substation to the Windy Flats 138S Substation, and may be located on the transmission line or underground.

### Contact us

We are available to address any questions or concerns you may have. 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/327/transalta-windy-flats-138ssubstationupgrade/>

Sincerely,

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