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Wheatcrest Solar Project Connection Notice of application filing

Thank you for your ongoing participation in the Wheatcrest Solar Project Connection. We submitted an application for the project to the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) on July 28, 2022.

Next steps

The AUC will review the application and can approve, 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 https://www2.auc.ab.ca/Proceeding27543/SitePages/Home.aspx

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, enter Filing number 27543 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 "Wheatcrest" 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

To connect BER Wheatcrest Solar LP's approved Wheatcrest Solar Project to the grid, AltaLink is proposing upgrades to its transmission system in the area.

AltaLink's project is located in the Municipal District of Taber, approximately 12 kilometres north of the Village of Enchant.



To connect the Wheatcrest Solar Project to the grid, AltaLink is proposing changes along an existing 138 kilovolt (kV) transmission line (called 763AL) and in the existing Enchant Substation. The proposed updates include:

- adding one new structure and modifying two adjacent structures on the 763AL transmission line located in NW-22-15-18 W4 and NE 22-15-18 W4
- installing buried fiber optic cable between the new structure and the Enchant Substation
- replacing the existing telecommunications tower within the Enchant Substation with a taller tower
- increasing the height of two other structures on the line by up to three metres (located in NW-20-15-17 W4) to ensure that a safe clearance distance can be maintained
 - following detailed engineering analysis, it may be determined that these structures need to be replaced instead

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 https://www.altalink.ca/projects/view/384/wheatcrest-solar-project-connection.

Sincerely,

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