

December 8, 2022

Wheatcrest Solar Facility Connection Notice of project approval

Thank you for your ongoing participation in the Wheatcrest Solar Facility Connection project. The Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) approved this project for construction on November 18, 2022.

Next steps

Where construction activities require access to private property, we will contact you in advance to discuss the specific dates and times we will require access to your property. We plan to begin construction in January 2023, and anticipate construction to be complete in winter 2023.

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
- Installation of new fibre optic cable
- work at an existing substation, including salvage of existing telecommunication tower and installation of a taller telecommunication tower

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/Proceeding27543/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.

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

To connect BER Wheatcrest Solar LP's approved Wheatcrest Solar Project to the grid, AltaLink is upgrading 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 modifying an existing 138 kilovolt (kV) transmission line (called 763AL) and 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
 - it may be determined that these structures need to be replaced

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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