

June 12, 2024

## 799L Transmission Line Rebuild – Project update

In October 2023, AltaLink began consulting with stakeholders on the proposed 799L Transmission Line Rebuild. We submitted an application for the project to the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) on April 5, 2024. We would like to provide you with a project update.

### Update on project application process

AltaLink's project application to the AUC was to rebuild approximately 50 kilometres (km) of the existing 799L transmission line. The application also indicated we would complete work on 27 km of the line through:

- Component replacements on existing structures (completed in March 2024 along approximately 15 km of the line)
- The 799L Transmission Line Road Allowance Rebuild (involving structure and conductor replacements along an additional 12.5 km of the line)

In May 2024, the AUC directed AltaLink to amend its application to include the Road Allowance Rebuild portion with the 799L Transmission Line Rebuild. As a result, the AUC placed AltaLink's application on hold until the amendment is submitted.

AltaLink is now completing additional work on the project to amend our application. We plan to submit our amendment in July 2024.

We are contacting all stakeholders along the Road Allowance Rebuild portion of the project. If you are located along this portion, we will collect your feedback and respond to any questions or concerns you have about the proposed project.

The Detail Photo and Strip Maps included in this package summarize the scope of work AltaLink intends to apply for in its entirety.

### What is included in this package?

If your property is along the Road Allowance Rebuild portion of the project, we have included material from three previous mail outs for your information:

- **October 2023 project-specific information package:** Contains a newsletter, project maps, *Understanding vegetation management*, *Clubroot management in your area*, and a brochure called *Participating in the AUC's independent review process to consider facility applications*. This reflects the original scope of the project.
- **February 2024 update:** Contains a letter and project maps. This discusses changes to our proposed routes and additional right-of-way width, and an update on proposed structure types.
- **May 2024 notice of project application filing and project update:** Contains a letter and maps. This discusses the submission of our application, the inclusion of additional overhead optical ground wire, updates to proposed right-of-way width, and clarification on access trails.

### Project background

AltaLink is proposing to rebuild its existing 799L transmission line between Entwistle and Whitecourt. Portions of this line, built in 1964, have reached the end of their lifecycle and need to be rebuilt to improve the safe and reliable operation of the line for years to come.

Additionally, the 799L transmission line was identified in AltaLink's wildfire mitigation plan as a top ignition-causing line. Our wildfire mitigation plan includes strengthening our system and making proactive safety improvements so that it is less likely to contribute to wildfires.

The proposed rebuild, along with other work on the 799L transmission line, will address the risks identified in the wildfire mitigation plan.

It's important to note that the February 2024 and May 2024 materials include changes in the project following the October 2023 project-specific information package until the application was filed, as a result of further engineering and our consultation with stakeholders. The scope of the work applied for in April 2024 has not changed.

If your property is near the original 50 km portion of the proposed project area, we are not providing the materials from October 2023, February 2024 and May 2024, as you were previously provided copies of those documents. To review this additional material, you can find it on our website, or you can contact us for more information.

### **Next steps**

After we complete our notification and consultation with landowners in relation to this project update, we will file an amendment to our application with the AUC. The application and amendment will be reviewed through a public process in which stakeholders can participate. We will notify stakeholders when we file the amendment.

### ***Anticipated project schedule***

<b>Notify stakeholders</b>	June 2024
<b>Consult with new stakeholders</b>	June 2024
<b>File amendment with AUC</b>	July 2024
<b>Start construction if project is approved</b>	January 2025
<b>Complete construction</b>	December 2025

*Although we attempt to follow the anticipated project schedule, it is subject to change. We will continue to provide you with updated schedule information.*

### **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. You can also view more information about the project at <http://www.altalink.ca/projects>.

Sincerely,

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