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## **Eastervale Solar Connection Project update**

Thank you for your ongoing participation in the Eastervale Solar Connection project (previously called the Eastervale Solar and Storage Connection). We began consulting with stakeholders on this proposed project in October 2024 and want to provide you with a project update. Since we began consultation, Eastervale Solar has re-filed their project application. For more information on their project, please contact Eastervale Solar directly.

### **Project details**

To connect Eastervale Solar Inc.'s (Eastervale Solar's) solar project to the grid, AltaLink is proposing a new transmission line and other changes to its transmission system. The project is located in the Municipal District of Provost No. 52, approximately 17 kilometres (km) south of the Village of Amisk. AltaLink's proposed project includes:

- constructing approximately 900 metres (m) of new 240 kilovolt (kV) transmission line (to be named 1047AL)
- installing a new telecommunications tower in Eastervale Solar's proposed substation (Eastervale 1090S)
- minor upgrades or modifications to existing associated structures and equipment, as needed

AltaLink's connection and Eastervale Solar's project are separate projects.

### **Update on proposed transmission line routing**

During our first round of consultation, we were considering two potential routes for the new transmission line. Since that time, the scope of Eastervale Solar's project has changed. As a result, we have updated our route options and are now only proposing one shorter route to support the project. Please see the maps included with this letter that show the updated proposed route and the routes no longer under consideration.

The updated route will still be located partially within Eastervale Solar's proposed project fence line and will require a right-of-way of approximately 30 m. The proposed structures on the route will be primarily H-frame structures and made of steel or wood. Previously, structures were proposed to be between 13-28 m tall. The structures are now proposed to be between 12-34 m tall.

To support the connection of the line with this updated route, the project now includes proposed upgrades at the Metiskow 648S substation, located approximately 32 km southeast of the project area.

We have also determined that an additional access trail is required in SW-11-40-8-W4 to access the updated route. Please see the attached map for more information, including the proposed location of the access trail.

If your property is located near one of the previously considered routes, you may no longer receive information from us about this project. Please contact us if you have any questions or wish to stay informed about the proposed project.

### **Update on the telecommunications tower**

As part of the project, AltaLink is proposing to install a new telecommunications tower to support the equipment that transmits data to our system control centre. The telecommunications tower will be installed inside Eastervale's proposed Eastervale 1090S substation. The location of this substation has changed and will now be in NW-2-40-8-W4. Other than location, details of the proposed telecommunications tower remain the same as communicated during the first round of consultation. The proposed telecommunications tower will be:

- a self-supporting steel structure
- approximately 35 to 50 metres tall (including the antenna and lightning rod) and have a triangular base
- in compliance with Transport Canada's requirements regarding painting and lighting
- not accessible to the public, as the structure will be inside the fenced area of an operating substation and will only support AltaLink equipment at this time

### **Next steps**

From June to September 2025, we will contact landowners, residents and occupants near the proposed project to gather input and address questions or concerns. After our consultation and notification process is complete, we will file an application with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC). To learn more about the AUC process and how you can become involved, please refer to the brochure included in this package titled *Participating in the AUC's independent review process to consider facility applications*.

We plan to file our application in October 2025 and will notify you once it has been filed. If the project is approved, construction is expected to take place from July to October 2027.

### **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.

Sincerely,

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