

September 20, 2023

Homestead Solar Connection Project Notice of application filing

Thank you for your ongoing participation in the Homestead Solar Connection Project. We submitted an application for the project to the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) on September 15, 2023. We also want to provide you with information about a project update.

Project Update

Prior to filing the application determined that the 2.5 km of underground fibre optic cable between Kiwetinohk's Homestead Substation and AltaLink's existing 138 kV transmission line (called 180L) was no longer required.

AltaLink also determined that structure modifications adjacent to either the North Connection Point or the South Connection Point to facilitate the connection to the 1037AL transmission line were also no longer required.

We do not believe these changes result in any additional impacts to stakeholders, however if you would like to discuss this change, please contact us.

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 www.auc.ab.ca.

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 28444 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 "Homestead" 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

Kiwetinohk's proposed Homestead Solar Project is located in the Municipal District of Willow Creek, southeast of the Town of Claresholm. Kiwetinohk is proposing a new transmission line that will connect its Homestead Substation to AltaLink's existing transmission line (called 1037L).

Kiwetinohk is considering two different connection points for this new line. One of the potential connection points is in SW-13-12-27-W4 and the other is in NW-12-12-27-W4. If approved, only one of these connection points will be used.

To accommodate this connection, AltaLink is proposing to:

- Modify one structure along the existing 1037L transmission line, at the connection point that is selected by Kiwetinohk
- Install approximately 400 metres of above ground optical ground wire (OPGW) between two existing structures along the 1037L
 - New equipment will be installed on each structure to accommodate the OPGW connection

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/409/homestead-solar-project-connection>

Sincerely,

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