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Willow Ridge Wind and Battery Connection

You are receiving this newsletter because you are near the Willow Ridge Wind and Battery Connection, and we want your input.

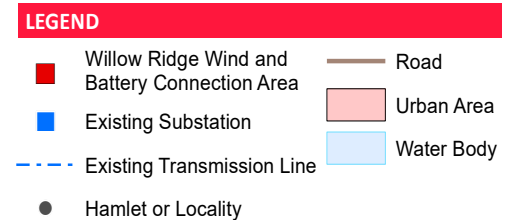
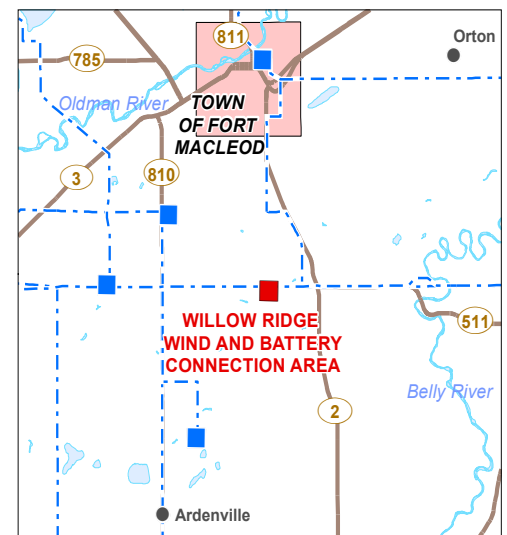
To connect SPWC Development GP Inc.'s (SPWC) Willow Ridge Wind and Battery project to the grid, AltaLink is proposing changes to its transmission system. The project is located in the MD of Willow Ridge, approximately eight kilometres south of Fort Macleod.

AltaLink's and SPWC's projects are separate. SPWC has consulted on their proposed wind and battery project. For more information about SPWC's project, see their contact information included in this newsletter.

Project details

To connect their proposed Willow Ridge Wind and Battery project to the grid, SPWC is constructing a new **substation**, called Breezy Ridge. AltaLink is proposing three changes to accommodate the connection of SPWC's project to the electricity grid, including:

- constructing approximately 150 metres of new 240 kilovolt (kV) transmission line (to be named 968AL)
- modifying one existing structure on AltaLink's 967L/968L transmission line
- installing approximately 550 metres of **optical grounding wire (OPGW)** on the 967L/968L transmission line and new 968AL transmission line



ANTICIPATED PROJECT SCHEDULE



Although we attempt to follow the anticipated project schedule it is subject to change. We will continue to provide you with updated schedule information if required as the project progresses.

INCLUDED IN THIS INFORMATION PACKAGE:

- Project maps
- AESO need overview
- AUC brochure: *Participating in the AUC's independent review process to consider facility applications*
- Electric and Magnetic Fields Information

Proposed structures

The proposed new structures on the 968AL transmission line will be:

- two steel monopole structures between 30 and 45 metres tall
- one wooden dead-end structure between 19 and 24 metres tall

The structures will be located on land leased by SPWC.

Access trails and temporary construction workspace

To facilitate construction, access trails and temporary construction workspace may be required. Construction workspace is required for the safe construction of the transmission line.

AltaLink will consult with all affected stakeholders regarding potential construction workspace and access trails.



One steel monopole structure will look similar to the photo on the left, and the other will look similar to the photo on the right.

The wooden dead-end structure will look similar to the photo above.

Providing your input

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). The AUC ensures the fair and responsible delivery of Alberta's utility services and will review the application through a process in which stakeholders can participate.

We will notify stakeholders when we file the application and again once the AUC has reached a decision about the project. 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*.

DEFINITIONS:

Substation | Substations are the connection points between power lines of varying voltages and contain equipment that controls and protects the flow of power. Substations include transformers that step down and step up the voltage so power can be transmitted through transmission lines or distributed to your community through distribution lines.

Optical grounding wire | This equipment provides lightning protection and is part of a telecommunication network that allows AltaLink to monitor, control, protect, and restore the electric system.

Contact us

To learn more about the proposed project please contact:

ALTALINK

1-877-267-1453 (toll-free)

Email: stakeholderrelations@altalink.ca

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Visit our website at www.altalink.ca/privacy or contact us directly via email (privacy@altalink.ca) or phone (1-877-267-6760).

To learn more about the Willow Ridge Wind and Battery project, please contact:

SPWC Development GP Inc.

Contact Name: LoLo Adigwe

Contact Phone: 647-518-6943

Email: LoLo.Adigwe@algonquinpower.com

Website: <https://algonquinpower.com>

To learn more about Alberta's electric system and the need for the project, please contact:

Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO)

1-888-866-2959 (toll-free)

Email: stakeholder.relations@aeso.ca

The AESO is an independent, not-for-profit organization responsible for the safe, reliable, and economic planning and operation of the provincial transmission grid. For more information about why this project is needed, please refer to the AESO's Need Overview included with this package or visit www.aeso.ca. If you have any questions or concerns about the need for this project or the proposed transmission development to meet the need you may contact the AESO directly. You can make your questions or concerns known to a transmission facility owner representative who will collect your personal information for the purpose of addressing your questions and/or concerns to the AESO. This process may include disclosure of your personal information to the AESO.

To learn more about the application and review process, please contact:

Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC)

780-427-4903 (toll-free by dialing

310-0000 before the number)

Email: consumer-relations@auc.ab.ca

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