

Heartland Transmission Project Application

Notice of:

- **Application complete**
- **Formal public hearing location**
- **Community hearing sessions locations and timetable; and**
- **Process schedule**

Application No. 1606609 **Proceeding ID No. 457**

AltaLink L.P. and EPCOR Distribution & Transmission Inc. (applicants) jointly filed an application (Heartland application) with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC or Commission) on September 27, 2010, requesting the Commission's approval to construct and operate the Heartland Transmission Project (Heartland project).

The main components of the Heartland project are as follows:

- A 240/500-kilovolt (kV) substation to be located in the northeast quarter of Section 20, Township 56, Range 22, west of the Fourth Meridian (Heartland 12S Substation);
- A 500- kV double-circuit transmission line (1206L/1212L) connecting the 500-kV system on the south side of Edmonton to the proposed Heartland 12S Substation. The route for this transmission line is set out on Map A, attached to this notice; and
- A 240-kV double-circuit transmission line (1054L/1061L) connecting the 240-kV system in the area to proposed Heartland 12S Substation. The route for this transmission line is set out on Map B, attached to this notice.

A detailed description of the Heartland project is set out in the Heartland application.

The Commission has reviewed the Heartland application and finds that it includes all of the information required by law and the Commission's rules. Accordingly, the Commission considers that the Heartland application is complete as of the date of this notice.

For anyone who believes their rights may be directly and adversely affected by the Commission's decision on the Heartland application but has not yet registered to participate in the public hearing process, this notice also provides information about how to participate and the options available.

For registered participants interested in participating in community hearing sessions, please note that the Commission has set out locations and schedule timetables for these community sessions in this notice and requires registration for these sessions by February 28, 2011.

Options for participation in the public hearing:

The three options for participation in the Commission’s consideration of the Heartland application are outlined below. **Regardless of the option chosen, you must advise the Commission of how you intend to participate in the public hearing by February 28, 2011.**

Option 1: Formal public hearing

The Commission will hold a formal public hearing on the Heartland application commencing at **9 a.m. on April 11, 2011** at the Edmonton EXPO Centre, 7515 118 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta. The hearing will start daily at 9 a.m. and break for an hour lunch in the afternoon. The public hearing could last as long as four weeks.

If your rights may be directly and adversely affected by the Commission’s decision on the Heartland application you may participate in the public hearing by presenting evidence, cross-examining witnesses and submitting argument.

If you want to participate in the public hearing you must make a written submission to the AUC containing the following:

- Your name, address in Alberta, telephone number, fax number and, if available, an email address;
- If you are represented by a lawyer, agent or other representative, the name, address in Alberta, telephone number, fax number and, if available, an email address for that person;
- The nature and scope of your intended participation;
- The facts you propose to show in evidence;
- The reasons why you believe the Commission should decide in the manner that you advocate; and
- Your efforts, if any, to resolve issues associated with the hearing or other proceeding directly with the applicants.

If you intend to present documentary evidence at the hearing you must file the documentary evidence with your submission by February 28, 2011. The documentary evidence must be accompanied with a statement setting out the qualifications of the person who prepared the documentary evidence or under whose direction or control the evidence was prepared.

Option 2: Community hearing sessions

You may make an oral submission up to five minutes in length to the Commission at the following community hearing sessions.

Date/Time	Location	Venue
7 p.m., April 19, 2011	Spruce Grove	Elks Hall 400 Diamond Avenue
7 p.m., April 20, 2011	Sherwood Park	Coast Edmonton East 2100 Premier Way
7 p.m., April 21, 2011	Morinville	St. Jean Baptiste Hall 10020 100 Avenue

7 p.m., April 25, 2011	Bon Accord	Community Hall 4931 50 Avenue
7 p.m., April 27, 2011	Fort Saskatchewan	Lakeview Inn & Suites 10115 88 Avenue
7 p.m., April 28, 2011	South Edmonton	Woodvale Facility & Golf Clubhouse 4540 50 Street

If you want to participate in a community hearing session please register with the AUC by February 28, 2011 and provide following information:

- Identify the community hearing session you will attend;
- Identify a time that you would prefer to give your oral presentation; and
- Provide your name, address in Alberta, telephone number, fax number, if any, and if possible, an email address.

Additional community hearing sessions may be added if needed. If there is not enough interest in one or some of the above community hearing sessions, the AUC may direct some participants to attend a session other than the one they registered for.

Option 3: Written submission

You may file a written submission with the Commission that expresses your view on the Heartland project. Your written submission should have information that you want the Commission to consider when making its decision on the application. Written submissions must be filed with the AUC on or before February 28, 2011.

Note: The three options are not mutually exclusive. For example, you may want to make a written submission and also provide a verbal summary of your submission at one of the scheduled community hearing sessions.

Making your submission:

Registered participants intending to participate in one of the options listed above for the Heartland application must file a submission with the Commission advising of which option for participation they choose by February 28, 2011.

If you have any questions about filing a submission for any of the three participation options please contact Keith Gladwyn at 403-592-4414 or keith.gladwyn@auc.ab.ca.

The AUC appreciates receiving submissions through the electronic filing services (e-filing services) on our website (www.auc.ab.ca). Guidelines on how to access and use the e-filing services are in the [AUC Electronic Filings Services brochure](#), available in the Newsroom section of the AUC website. You can also make your submission using the contact information provided below.

Electronic submissions can be sent to:

filings@auc.ab.ca

Subject: Application No. 1606609/Proceeding ID No. 457

Paper submissions can be sent to:
 Alberta Utilities Commission, Facilities division
 Fifth Avenue Place, Fourth Floor, 425 First St. S.W.
 Calgary, Alberta T2P 3L8

For assistance with the AUC’s e-filing services, contact AUC system services at:
 Phone: 780-643-1055
 Email: systemservices@auc.ab.ca

Schedule for the proceeding:

Following the process meeting on November 2, 2010, the Commission issued [Decision 2010-523](#) in which it set the following process schedule for the Heartland application based on feedback from participants:

Date	Process step
January 2010 – September 2010	The AUC implemented an enhanced process for the Heartland Transmission Project that included early information sessions, automatic standing for those within 800 metres of the finalized rights-of-way, pre-registration and three options for participation in the application.
October 1, 2010	AUC issued the notice of application
November 2, 2010	Process meeting
November 8, 2010	Information requests from the AUC to applicants
November 8, 2010	Process meeting decision report issued
December 1, 2010	Intervener information requests to applicant
December 22, 2010	Applicant information request responses
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February 28, 2011	Deadline to register submissions and file evidence
March 11, 2011	Information requests to interveners
March 25, 2011	Intervener information request responses
April 4, 2011	Reply evidence
April 11, 2011	Public hearing begins. Edmonton EXPO Centre, 7515 118 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta.

Freedom of Information and Privacy Act:

Documents that you file in this proceeding will be available to the public. If your documents do not contain personal information, the general public will have Internet access to your documents through the AUC website. If your documents do contain personal information, only individuals and organizations who register to participate in this proceeding will have Internet access to your documents through the AUC website. If you do not want your personal information made available to those persons who are participating in the proceeding, you must apply for a confidential ruling under section 13 of the AUC Rule 001: *Rules of Practice* before you file your documents.

The AUC will only collect and use your personal information for the purposes of this proceeding. The AUC's legal authority to collect your personal information for this proceeding is section 33(c) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Additional information:

Please visit our website at www.auc.ab.ca for more information on opportunities to get involved in the Heartland application or contact the AUC directly at:

Telephone: 780-427-4903

Email: utilitiesconcerns@auc.ab.ca

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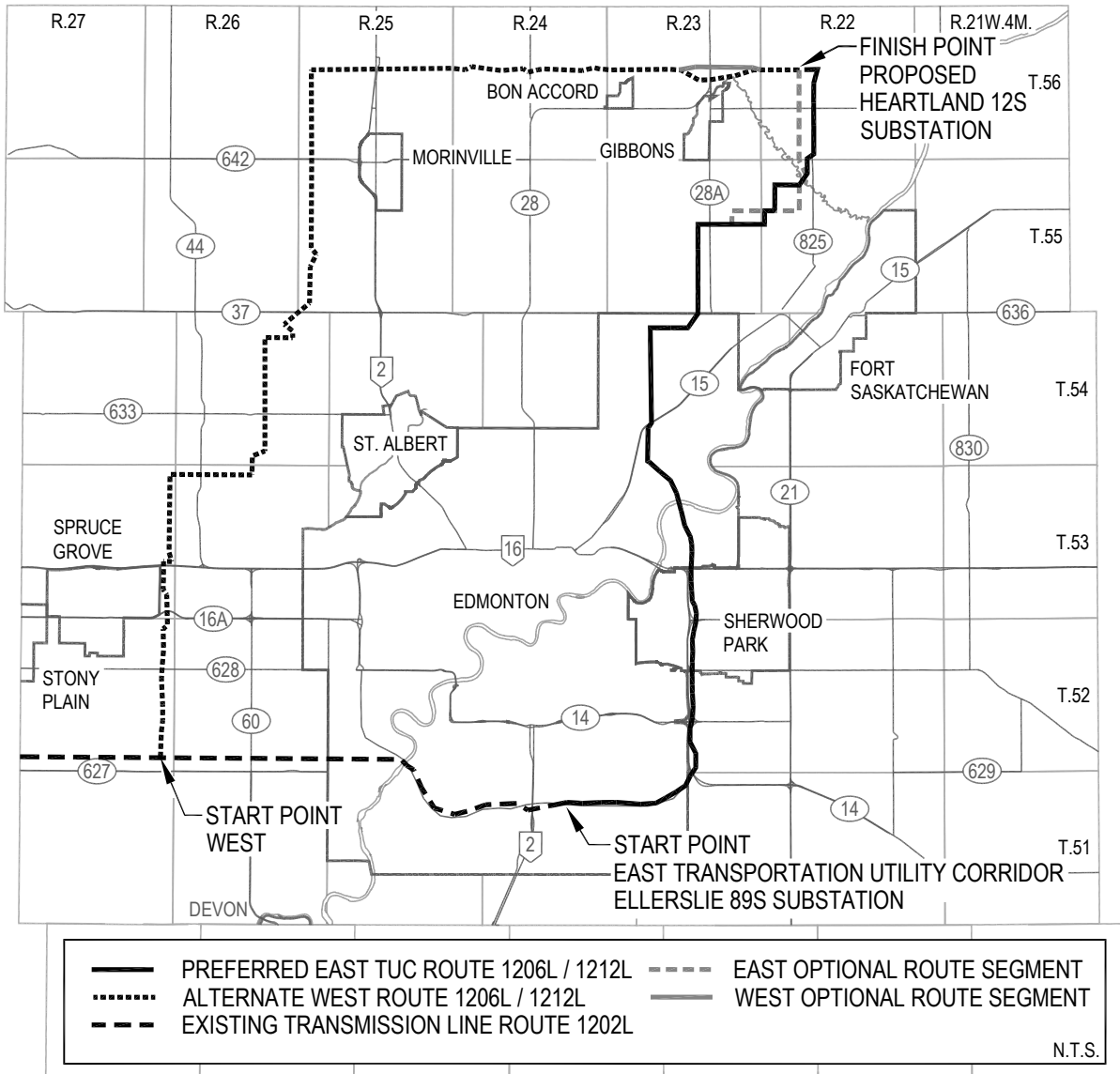
To obtain additional information or a paper copy of the application, contact the applicant as follows:

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ALBERTA UTILITIES COMMISSION
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Map A



Map B

