

# Notice of Hearing

**Proceeding ID No. 861**

**Application No. 1606869**  
**AltaLink Management Ltd.**  
**Athabasca Area Telecommunications Upgrade**  
**Facility Application**

The Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC or the Commission) is a quasi-judicial regulatory body responsible for making decisions about utility-related applications, such as building transmission lines, substations and power plants. The AUC is also responsible for making decisions about the need for some transmission system developments, including the need for new or rebuilt transmission lines and substations.

The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) is responsible for planning electric transmission system development in Alberta. The AESO applied to the AUC on September 24, 2010, in accordance with Section 34 of the *Electric Utilities Act*, for approval of a needs identification document (NID) (Application No. 1606597) regarding the need for upgraded telecommunications service for a number of substations in the Athabasca area. The AUC considered the AESO's application and approved the NID for this project.

AltaLink Management Ltd. (AltaLink) is the transmission facility owner in the Athabasca area and filed Application No. 1606869 with the AUC on December 17, 2010 for approval to upgrade its telecommunications service at eleven substations and tower sites in the Athabasca area to meet the needs outlined in the AESO's NID application.

## **Description of Application No. 1606869:**

Pursuant to sections 14, 15 and 21 of the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act*, AltaLink included in the Application a request for approval to salvage the existing 30-metre high telecommunications tower at Lac La Biche 157S substation (SE 25-66-14-W4M) and replace it with a 60-metre high telecommunications tower and a new radio building.

## **Public hearing:**

The Commission will hold a public hearing on that portion of the application dealing with the request for approval to salvage the existing 30-metre high telecommunications tower at Lac La Biche 157S substation and replace it with a 60-metre high telecommunications tower and a new radio building as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>January 27, 2012</b>	<b>Commencing at 1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Lac La Biche Inn's Parkland II (10301 101B Avenue, Lac La Biche, Alberta)</b>

Please note that the applicants and interveners must appear before the Commission at the commencement of the hearing.

**Participating in the hearing:**

Any person with an interest in, concerns about, or objections to the need for and/or specified alterations to Lac La Biche 157S substation as described in the application must file a submission with the Commission in accordance with Section 24 of AUC Rule 001: *Rules of Practice*. If all concerns and objections received by the Commission are withdrawn by interveners prior to the start of the hearing, the AUC may cancel the hearing.

**If you intend to make a presentation at the hearing, you must notify the Commission by January 23, 2012**, even if you have previously filed a submission. Your submission should contain the following information:

- Your name or organization name, address, telephone number and email address.
- Whether you will be represented by a representative or legal counsel and, if so, the name, address, telephone number and email address of that representative or whether you will attend on your own to make a statement to the Commission.
- The legal land description of your property.

Submissions should be filed using the Digital Data Submission (DDS) system accessible from the electronic filing services (e-filing services) on our website ([www.auc.ab.ca](http://www.auc.ab.ca)). When uploading your submission through the DDS system, select Procedural Submission from the submission type pull-down menu. When uploading documentary evidence, select Intervener Evidence from the submission type pull-down menu.

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 our website. For assistance with e-filing services contact the AUC at 780-643-1055.

If you are unable to upload your submission you can send an electronic version by email to the AUC at [filings@auc.ab.ca](mailto:filings@auc.ab.ca) with the subject: Proceeding ID No. 861 or mail a copy to the AUC:

The Alberta Utilities Commission  
Facilities Division – Re: Proceeding ID No. 861  
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Details on intervener funding, to assist persons with standing in presenting their interests in a well-prepared, well-reasoned and well-documented way, are specified in AUC Rule 009: *Rules on Local Intervener Costs* and summarized in the *Local Intervener Costs Brochure* available in the Newsroom section of our website.

***Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act:***

Documents that you file in this proceeding will be placed on the public record. If your documents do not contain personal information, the general public will have 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 access to your documents. If you do not want your documents placed on the public record, before you file your documents, you must apply for a confidential ruling under Section 13 of the AUC Rule 001: *Rules of Practice*.

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:**

Details of the application are available on the AUC website ([www.auc.ab.ca](http://www.auc.ab.ca)) through the Electronic Filing Services link found on the home page, followed by using the Proceeding Search link and entering Proceeding ID No. 861 or by using the following URL:

[https://www3.eub.gov.ab.ca/eub/dds/EPS\\_Query/ProceedingSearch.aspx?ProceedingID=861](https://www3.eub.gov.ab.ca/eub/dds/EPS_Query/ProceedingSearch.aspx?ProceedingID=861)

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

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**AUC contact information:**

For information about AUC procedures, contact the lead application officer as follows:

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Issued on January 16, 2012.

The Alberta Utilities Commission  
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