

Notice of Hearing

Proceeding ID No. 1363

Application No. 1607512
Alberta Electric System Operator
(AESO)
Weasel Creek 947S and Abee 993S
Substations Needs Identification
Document

Application No. 1607550
AltaLink Management Ltd. (AltaLink)
Abee Substation and Weasel Creek
Transmission Line Project

Application No. 1607595
ATCO Electric Ltd. (ATCO)
Weasel Creek Transmission Project

Application No. 1607597
ATCO Electric Ltd.
Abee Transmission Project

The Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC or the Commission) is a quasi-judicial regulatory body responsible for making decisions about utility-related applications, such as approving construction or operation of 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 AESO is responsible for planning electric facility development in Alberta. The AESO filed a needs identification document (NID) registered as Application No. 1607512 with the Commission on July 22, 2011 pursuant to Section 34 of the *Electric Utilities Act* and the *Transmission Regulation*. In the NID, the AESO identifies the need and describes the solution to provide new points of delivery substations and associated transmission facilities to serve industrial customers in the Athabasca/Lac La Biche region.

AltaLink is one of the transmission facility owners in the region. On July 28, 2011, AltaLink filed Application No. 1607550 pursuant to sections 14 and 15 of the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act*. AltaLink is requesting approval to construct and operate the following facilities within its operating area to meet part of the need identified in the AESO's NID:

- (i) A new 138/4.16-kV Abee 993S substation (LSD 3, SW-6-61-19, W4M) including one 138/4.16-kV 15/20/25-MVA transformer.
- (ii) Approximately 200 m new single circuit 138-kV transmission line 437L from the proposed Abee 993S substation to Point B7 as shown in the map attached.
- (iii) Approximately 10 km new single-circuit 138-kV transmission line 808AL from its existing transmission line 808L starting at Point B1 or C1 as shown in the map attached to connect with ATCO's proposed transmission line 7LA808 at a point along the demarcation of ATCO and AltaLink operating areas. The exact location of the connection point depends on the routing of the line approved by the AUC.

- (iv) Alteration of the exiting transmission line 808L to facilitate the interconnection of the proposed transmission line 808AL.

ATCO is the other transmission facility owner in the region. On August 17, 2011, ATCO filed Application No. 1607595 in accordance with sections 14 and 15 of the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act*, requesting approval to construct and operate the following facilities within its operating area to meet part of the need identified in the AESO's NID:

- (i) A new 144/4.16-kV Weasel Creek 947S substation (LSD 15-32-59-19 W4M) with one 144/4.16-kV 10/13.3/16.6-MVA transformer.
- (ii) Approximately 17 km new single-circuit 144-kV transmission line 7LA808 from the proposed Weasel Creek 947S substation to connect with AltaLink's proposed transmission line 808AL at a point along the demarcation of ATCO and AltaLink operating areas. The exact location of the connection point depends on the routing of the line approved by the AUC.

On August 17, 2011, ATCO filed Application No. 1607597 in accordance with sections 14 and 15 of the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act*, requesting approval to construct and operate within its operating area the following facilities to meet the remaining part of the need identified in the AESO's NID:

- (i) Approximately 12 km new single-circuit 144-kV transmission line 7L437 from the proposed Weasel Creek 947S substation to Point B7 as shown in the map attached.
- (ii) Alteration of the proposed Weasel Creek 947S substation.

A map of the proposed project is included at the end of this notice.

The AUC is now reviewing the applications and their amendments to ensure they are complete. An application is complete once the Commission ensures that it includes all of the information necessary in relation to the technical requirements of AUC Rule 007: *Rules Respecting Applications for Power Plants, Substations, Transmission Lines, and Industrial System Designations*, as well as other information requirements. If necessary, the AUC may request additional information from the applicant to ensure the application is complete before further steps are taken.

Public hearing:

The Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the applications. Particulars of the public hearing are detailed as follows:

Date	Time	Location
Tuesday, May 8, 2012*	Commencing at 9 a.m. daily	Provident Place 4944 53 Street Redwater, AB T0A 2W0

*The hearing has been scheduled for three full days. Depending on the evidence and number of participants in the hearing, the second and third days may not be necessary.

Please note that the applicants and interveners must appear before the Commission at the commencement of the hearing on **Tuesday, May 8, 2012**.

Public information session:

The Commission will hold an information session to explain the hearing process. The merits of the applications will not be discussed at that time.

Date	Time	Location
Tuesday, January 31, 2012	Commencing at 6 p.m.	Provident Place 4944 53 Street Redwater, AB T0A 2W0

Participating in the hearing:

Any person with an interest in, concerns about, or objections to 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.

You must file a submission by March 2, 2012, even if you have previously filed a submission, in order to provide the Commission with further information now that the hearing details are known. 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.
- The legal land description of your property.
- The nature and scope of your intended participation:
 - whether you (or your representative) will file supporting evidence
 - whether you (or your representative) will attend the hearing in Redwater, Alberta
 - whether you (or your representative) intend to cross-examine the applicants' witnesses

If you intend to present documentary evidence at the hearing you **must submit the documentary evidence to the AUC prior to the hearing**. The **deadline for filing evidence is March 2, 2012**, as indicated in the schedule and process section below. 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.

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). 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 with the subject: Proceeding ID No. 1363 or mail a copy to the AUC:

The Alberta Utilities Commission
Facilities Division – Re: Proceeding ID No. 1363
Fifth Avenue Place
Fourth Floor, 425 First Street S.W.
Calgary, Alberta T2P 3L8

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*.

Schedule and process:

The Commission has established the following process to deal with the applications:

Process step	Deadline date
Information session	January 31, 2012
Information request (questions) to applicants from interveners Intervener participation submissions and evidence	March 2, 2012
Information responses from applicants Information requests to interveners	March 16, 2012
Information responses from interveners	March 30, 2012
Reply evidence from applicants	April 16, 2012
Commencement of hearing (9 a.m.)	May 8, 2012

Additional information:

Details of the applications are available on the AUC website (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. 1363 or by using the following URL:

https://www.auc.ab.ca/eub/dds/eps_Query/ProceedingDetail.aspx?ProceedingId=1363

To obtain detailed application information or a paper copy of the applications, 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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Abee and Weasel Creek Substations and Transmission Line Project Map

