

Revised Notice of Hearing

Proceeding ID No. 1394

Application No. 1607570
AltaLink Management Ltd.
Transmission Line 902L Conductor Replacement
Wabamun Lake Area

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.

On November 3, 2011, the Commission issued a notice of hearing with respect to the subject application. Several persons who registered to participate in the hearing requested that the hearing be adjourned. Subsequently, on December 6, 2011, the Commission issued a ruling granting the requested adjournment of the hearing. Therefore, the purpose of this revised notice of hearing is to communicate the new process schedule, the new hearing date for this application, and the date and location of a public information session.

Nature of the application:

AltaLink Management Ltd. filed Application No. 1607570 with the AUC on August 5, 2011, requesting approval to replace the conductors on two segments of the existing 240-kilovolt (kV) transmission line 902L, which connects the Wabamun 19S Substation with the Sundance 310P Substation. AltaLink proposes to re-conductor the existing 240-kV line 902L as follows:

- A four kilometre (km) segment east from the Wabamun 19S Substation through to structure 13 (not including the segment on the Wabamun Indian Reserve (I.R.) 133B).
- A four km segment east from the Sundance 310P Substation through to structure 48 (not including the segment on the Wabamun I.R. 133A).
- On behalf of TransAlta, re-conductor the segments of the 902L transmission line situated within the Wabamun Indian Reserves 133A and 133B, which are owned by TransAlta but operated by AltaLink (see the attached map).

This proposal fulfills the last portion of system developments driven by need approvals [U2009-62](#) and [U2010-85](#) for the Edmonton region 240-kV transmission system upgrades. The new conductors will be supported by the existing towers and no new structures are required. The right-of-way requires expansion in four areas and one area will be used as a temporary working space.

Public hearing:

The Commission will hold a public hearing on the application as follows:

Date	Time	Location
Monday, April 16, 2012	Commencing at 9 a.m.	Mainstreet Ballroom Best Western Inn 3101 43 Avenue Stony Plain, Alberta

Please note that the applicants and interveners must appear before the Commission at the commencement of the hearing on **Monday, April 16, 2012**.

Public information session:

The Commission will hold an information session to discuss the hearing process. The merits of the application will not be discussed.

Date	Time	Location
Tuesday, January 31, 2012	Commencing at 7 p.m.	Atim Creek Room Best Western Inn 3101 43 Avenue Stony Plain, Alberta

Participating in the hearing:

If you intend to present written information (evidence) at the hearing you **must submit it to the AUC prior to the hearing**. The **deadline for filing evidence** is **March 13, 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. 1394 or mail a copy to the AUC:

The Alberta Utilities Commission
Facilities Division – Re: Proceeding ID No. 1394
Fifth Avenue Place
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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*.

Schedule and process:

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

Process step	Deadline date
Information session	January 31, 2012
Interveners send information requests (questions) to applicant	February 14, 2012
Applicant responds to information requests	February 28, 2012
Interveners file evidence	March 13, 2012
Information requests (questions) to interveners	March 20, 2012
Interveners respond to information requests	April 3, 2012
Applicant reply evidence	April 10, 2012
Commencement of hearing	April 16, 2012

Additional information:

Details of the application 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. 1394 or by using the following URL:

https://www.auc.ab.ca/eub/dds/EPS_Query/ProceedingDetail.aspx?ProceedingID=1394

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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The Alberta Utilities Commission
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