

Notice

Application for transmission upgrades in the Lac La Biche area

The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) has filed a needs identification document (NID) application for the need to increase transmission capacity to meet electricity demand in the Athabasca/Lac La Biche area. AltaLink Management Ltd. has filed a facility application requesting approval to meet the need described in the AESO NID application.

Anyone who objects, has concerns about, or supports one or more of the applications, must make a written submission to the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC or the Commission) before **February 16, 2012**, quoting **Proceeding ID No. 1560**.

Information about the applications:

AESO NID Application No. 1607861

The AESO, in accordance with Section 34 of the *Electric Utilities Act*, filed an application with the AUC on November 3, 2011, requesting approval of a new 138-kilovolt (kV) substation, to be called Kirby 651S substation and a single-circuit 138-kV transmission line to connect the new substation. The facilities are required to provide system access service to the Canadian Natural Resources Ltd. Kirby oil sands extraction development.

AltaLink Facility Application No. 1607961

AltaLink, in accordance with sections 14, 15, 18 and 21 of the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act*, filed an application with the AUC on December 6, 2011, requesting approval to:

- Construct and operate a 138/13.8-kV substation called Kirby 651S substation.
 - Located in LSD 13, Section 21, Township 73, Range 7, west of the Fourth Meridian.
 - Upon completion the substation would consist of two 30/40/50-megavolt ampere 138/13.8-kV transformers and two 138-kV circuit breakers.
- Alter existing Winefred 818S substation.
 - Located in the northwest quarter of Section 29, Township 73, Range 7, west of the Fourth Meridian.
 - Salvage two capacitor banks and two 138-kV circuit breakers.
 - Expand substation fence to the north by approximately 10 metres.
 - Add four 138-kV circuit breakers and three capacitor banks.
- Construct and operate a single-circuit 138-kV transmission line, approximately two kilometres in length, between Kirby 651S substation and existing Winefred 818S substation.

In accordance with Section 15.4 of the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act*, the Commission has decided to combine and consider the applications jointly as Proceeding ID No. 1560. For full application details please go to the e-filing services section of our website to access the proceeding or use this link:

https://www.auc.ab.ca/eub/dds/EPS_Query/ProceedingDetail.aspx?ProceedingID=1560

How to file a submission:

The AUC prefers that all submissions are filed using the Digital Data Submission service on the AUC website found under E-filing services. Guidelines on how to access and use the e-filing services are in the *AUC Electronic Filing Services brochure*, available in the Newsroom section of our website. For additional assistance with making your submission please contact the AUC at 780-643-1055.

Please include the following with your submission:

- Your name, address, phone number, email address, and description of where your land is in relation to the proposed facilities.
- How your rights may be directly and adversely affected.
- If objecting to the needs application, please explain why you believe the project is not in the public interest or is technically deficient.
- If objecting to the facility application, please explain how the Commission's decision may affect you.

Alternative submission methods:

Complete the enclosed Form B: [Submission form for joint needs and facility applications](#) and either email a copy to filings@auc.ab.ca or mail your submission to the AUC with the required information outlined above.

Privacy:

Please be aware that any statements or information provided to us about the applications are part of the public record, unless you apply for and are approved for an exemption by the AUC in advance of filing. Documents without specific personal information will be accessible to the general public on the AUC website. If your documents contain personal information, that information will be redacted so that 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, you must apply for a confidential ruling under Section 13 of AUC Rule 001: *Rules of Practice* before you file your document.

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*.

AUC decision-making process:

The AUC will ensure that the applications are complete and will review submissions received. Those who have made submissions and who have been determined by the Commission to have rights that may be directly and adversely affected by a decision on these applications will be considered to have standing. If no submissions are received, or if submissions are received from persons without standing the AUC may make a decision on the applications without further notice or without a public hearing. Alternatively, the Commission will hold a public hearing if it receives an objection from a person with standing and further details will be provided in a notice of hearing.

The AUC must consider the AESO's assessment of need to be correct unless someone satisfies the Commission that the need application is technically deficient, or that to approve it would be contrary to the public interest.

Contact information:

If you do not have access to the Internet, please contact the applicants to obtain a paper copy of the applications:

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If you have concerns or objections to either application after reviewing the applications you can request additional information from the applicants.

Local interveners, as described in the *Alberta Utilities Commission Act*, can apply for intervener funding to assist in presenting their concerns in a well-prepared way. Details on the scale of costs eligible for legal representation, consultants, analysts and experts as well as procedures for obtaining funding can be found in AUC Rule 009: [Rules on Local Intervener Costs](#).

For more information about the details in this notice or about AUC procedures, contact the lead application officer Danielle Glover at:

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The Alberta Utilities Commission
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