

July 4, 2011

To: Registered parties

AltaLink Management Ltd.
Western Alberta Transmission Line
Application No. 1607067
Proceeding ID No. 1045

In Decision 2011-198: AltaLink Management Ltd. Western Alberta Transmission Line Project, Process Meeting dated May 5, 2011, the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC or the Commission) requested comments from interested participants regarding the scheduling of intervener and intervener groups for the oral hearing based on opposition to the preferred route and its options or opposition to the alternate route and its options. The Commission did not receive comments from any party by the May 31, 2011 deadline date. However, the Commission still wants to engage the parties in a discussion process.

Commission staff is proposing the following order of witness panels and process for the oral hearing.

1. AltaLink Management Ltd. (AltaLink) panel - direct examination, cross-examination and any re-direct examination.
2. Expert witness panels for all interveners opposed to the preferred route and its options - direct examination, cross-examination and any re-direct examination.
3. Expert witness panels for all interveners opposed to the alternate route and its options - direct examination, cross-examination and any re-direct examination.
4. Landowner panels for interveners opposed to the preferred route and its options - direct examination, cross-examination and any re-direct examination.
5. Landowner panels for interveners opposed to the alternate route and its options - direct examination, cross-examination and any re-direct examination.

The AltaLink panel(s) and all intervener expert witness panels would be heard in the same venue in Red Deer, Alberta. The landowner panels would be heard in Red Deer and a second location within or in the vicinity of Calgary. These panels are expected to be grouped by whether their concerns relate to the preferred route or alternate route. The part of the hearing for interveners in Red Deer is for those from the proposed Sunnybrook convertor substation to south of Glennifer Lake at route marker A51 for the preferred route and to south of Pine Lake at route marker D41 for the alternate route. The other part of the hearing in a venue near Calgary is likely to be composed of remaining landowner panels located south of the above noted route markers.

The Commission will determine at a later date whether oral or written final and reply argument will be employed for this proceeding.

A meeting will be held in the David Thompson room at the Holiday Inn on 67th Street, 6500 67 Street, Red Deer, Alberta on July 27, 2011, at 10 a.m. to solicit comments from counsel and any interested parties regarding the above noted proposal. Please register by July 20, 2011 if you plan to attend.

Sincerely yours,

<sent electronically>

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