

Notice

Applications for a new transmission line in the Stirling area have been received

Proceeding 23196 Applications 23196-A001 to 23196-A003

The Alberta Utilities Commission, the independent utilities regulator, will be considering the transmission line development applications in Proceeding 23196. If you feel you may be affected by these applications, you can provide input to the AUC to review before it makes its decision.

The Alberta Electric System Operator has applied for approval of the need for a transmission line development to connect the proposed Stirling Wind Project to the Alberta Interconnected Electric System, under the *Electric Utilities Act*. The Alberta Electric System Operator proposed the need to construct a new transmission line to connect transmission line 820L to Stirling Wind Project Ltd.'s Red Coat 967S Substation.

AltaLink Management Ltd., under the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act*, applied in separate applications to construct the facilities to meet the need identified by the Alberta Electric System Operator. The applications include requests for approval to construct approximately five to seven kilometres of 138-kilovolt (kV) transmission line, designated as transmission line 820BL, which would connect the Red Coat 967S Substation to the existing 138-kV transmission line 820L, and approval to construct two segments of underground fibre optic cables.

AltaLink Management Ltd. proposed a preferred route and an alternate route for transmission line 820BL. The Commission may approve the preferred route or the alternate route.

Additional information about the applications

For full application details visit the AUC website, log on to the eFiling System, enter the proceeding number and select go.

Written submissions are due March 12, 2018.

If you wish to participate in this proceeding, you may be eligible for funding to support your position, which includes costs for legal representation and expert witnesses. To learn more about the application and review process, intervener funding and what has been applied for, please contact: Kal Elkassem at 403-592-4388 or email your questions to kal.elkassem@auc.ab.ca.

Participant information

You may review our website or contact our Consumer Relations group for more information about your opportunities for involvement, assistance with your submission, and the funding options that may be available to you under Rule 009: *Rules on Local Intervener Funding*. They can be contacted at 780-427-4903 or by email at consumer-relations@auc.ab.ca.

The applications, and any associated documents being reviewed, are publicly available on our website. Alternatively, you may contact the applicants for further details about what is being applied for, or for a copy of the applications at:

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AltaLink Management Ltd.
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Submissions

To register your concerns, or your support for the proposed project, please visit the AUC website and log in to the eFiling System to file your submission for Proceeding 23196. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact us at 780-427-4903 for other options to submit your concerns and participate in this proceeding. If no written submissions are received, the Commission may make its decision without further notice or process.

Those who do not have access to the internet can send a submission by mail or fax, and the AUC will upload the submission on your behalf. Please send your name, address, phone number, legal land location, description of your land in relation to the proposed development and describe your interest in the land, your business, or your activities which may be affected. Please briefly describe the issues you would like the AUC to consider when making its decision.

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.

Privacy

To support an open and transparent process, information you send to the AUC will be publicly available through the AUC's eFiling System. If there is confidential information you would like to file, a request must be made in advance of filing your submission.

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Alberta Utilities Commission
Douglas A. Larder, QC, General Counsel

