

# Notice of hearing

## Central East Transfer-out Transmission Development Project

The Alberta Electric System Operator, ATCO Electric Ltd. and AltaLink Management Ltd. have filed applications for transmission development that runs east of Red Deer to the Halkirk area

**Proceeding 25469**  
**Applications 25469-A001 to 25469-A010**

The Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC), the independent utilities regulator, will be holding a hearing to review the applications and submissions received to consider the applications for the electric transmission development in Proceeding 25469.

**Written submissions are due November 12, 2020. Written evidence is due February 10, 2021.**

The Alberta Electric System Operator has applied for approval of the need to construct electric transmission developments to enable additional generation integration capability in the Central east and Southeast sub-regions of Alberta, under the *Electric Utilities Act*.

ATCO Electric Ltd. and AltaLink Management Ltd. have applied, in separate applications, to construct facilities to meet the need identified by the Alberta Electric System Operator.

ATCO Electric Ltd. has requested approval to:

- Construct and operate a new double-circuit, approximately 80-kilometre-long, 240-kilovolt (kV), transmission line between the existing Tinchebray 972S Substation and AltaLink's proposed 962L/968L transmission line, to be designated Transmission Line 9L62/9L68. ATCO Electric Ltd. applied with preferred and alternate routes, and proposed route variations.
- Alter the Tinchebray 972S Substation to accommodate the two new 240-kV circuits.

AltaLink Management Ltd. has requested approval to:

- Construct and operate a new double-circuit, approximately 50 to 60-kilometre-long, 240-kV transmission line between the existing Gaetz 87S Substation and ATCO Electric Ltd.'s proposed 9L62/9L68 transmission line, to be designated

Transmission Line 962L/968L. AltaLink Management Ltd. applied with preferred and alternate routes, and proposed route variations.

- Alter the Gaetz 87S Substation to accommodate the two new 240-kV circuits.

The map included with this notice identifies the routes applied-for by ATCO Electric Ltd. and AltaLink Management Ltd. The Commission may approve each of the preferred routes or any of the alternate routes, and any of the route variations.

The facility applications have been filed under the *Hydro and Electric Utilities Act*.

### **Additional information about the applications**

The applications and any associated documents are publicly available and can be accessed from the eFiling System on the AUC website [www.auc.ab.ca](http://www.auc.ab.ca). Basic information about the Central East Transfer-out Transmission Development Project can be found on the AUC website under Applications – Featured proceeding/reviews. Alternatively, for more information about what is being applied for, or for a copy of the applications, please contact:

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### **Participant information and virtual Q&A sessions**

The AUC will be posting a video on its website to provide information about how you may become involved in this proceeding and funding that may be available to you to support your position, which includes costs for legal representation and expert witnesses. The project and its merits will not be discussed in this video.

The AUC will also hold virtual Q&A sessions on October 27 and 28, 2020, to answer questions about how to participate in this proceeding. To register for one of the Q&A sessions, please [sign up here](#) or email [info@auc.ab.ca](mailto:info@auc.ab.ca) for assistance by October 23, 2020.

If you cannot attend either of the virtual Q&A sessions, but want to learn more about the review process, or for more information about how you may become involved in this proceeding, please contact us or visit our website and review the information under “Have your say” or under “Review process.”

### **Submissions**

If you wish to participate in this proceeding, please visit our website and log in to the eFiling System, go to Proceeding 25469, and register to participate under the “registered parties” tab. Alternatively, please contact us at 310-4AUC or [info@auc.ab.ca](mailto:info@auc.ab.ca) for more information or assistance with filing your submission. The lead application officer, Laura Fukuda, can also be contacted at 403-592-4388 or by email at [laura.fukuda@auc.ab.ca](mailto:laura.fukuda@auc.ab.ca).

### **Alberta Electric System Operator technical session**

The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) has proposed that a virtual technical session, focused on the Planning Report and Congestion Assessment, be held for interveners. The Commission considers that such a technical session could be beneficial to all parties, and that it would likely result in some process efficiencies. The AESO will therefore hold a technical session on December 8, 2020, prior to the deadline for the interveners' information requests to the applicants. Further details about this session will be communicated by the AESO in advance of the technical session.

### **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.

### **Hearing**

The Commission will host a virtual hearing, commencing on Wednesday, March 24, 2021, at 10 a.m. Further information about the virtual hearing will be issued separately.

### **Participating in the hearing**

Persons (including individuals and corporations) that have rights that may be directly and adversely affected by the Commission's decision on the applications are legally entitled to participate in a public hearing. Such persons are said to have standing to participate in the process.

Subject to any objections from another party, the Commission considers that the following persons have rights that may be directly and adversely affected by the Commission's decision on the applications filed in this proceeding and will qualify for local intervener funding under Section 22 of the *Alberta Utilities Commission Act*.

For ATCO Electric Ltd. and AltaLink Management Ltd.'s facility applications, the Commission considers that persons who own or reside on property located within 800 metres surrounding the finalized right-of-way for any of the proposed routes have standing to participate in the process, and will qualify for funding under Section 22 of the *Alberta Utilities Commission Act* subject to any objections from another party.

Persons who do not own property or reside within 800 metres or in the first row of houses as described above may apply to the Commission to participate in the public hearing process and for local intervener status. The Commission will make such determinations on a case-by-case basis.

If the Commission receives an objection to a person's request for standing to participate or status as a local intervener, the Commission will make a decision on whether the person has standing or qualifies for local intervener costs.

All interveners are encouraged to form groups, consider whether to hire legal representation, and prepare information requests and evidence, as early as possible.

**Process schedule**

The Commission has established the following process to consider the applications:

<b>Process step</b>	<b>Date</b>
Virtual Q&A sessions	October 27 and 28, 2020
Intervenors' participation submissions	November 12, 2020
AESO technical session	December 8, 2020
Intervenors' information requests (questions) to applicants	December 17, 2020
Applicants' deadline to respond to information requests	January 13, 2021
Motion day to address outstanding information request issues	January 27, 2021
Intervenors' written evidence deadline	February 10, 2021
Information requests to intervenors	February 19, 2021
Intervenors' deadline to respond to information requests	March 5, 2021
Applicants' reply evidence deadline	March 15, 2021
Commencement of hearing	March 24, 2021

Issued on October 13, 2020.

Alberta Utilities Commission  
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