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Berland River Transmission Connection Project Notice of application filing

Thank you for your ongoing participation in the Berland River Transmission Connection project. We submitted an application for the project to the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) on October 25, 2024. Below are several project updates that have occurred since we last updated you and an outline of the next steps in the AUC process.

Project updates

In our September 2023 newsletter, AltaLink proposed installing an underground fibre optic cable between the new switching station at 685L and the existing Benbow Substation. After further engineering, we have determined that instead of being underground, the fibre optic cable can be installed overhead as optical ground wire (OPGW) on the existing 685L transmission line (the portion being renumbered as 614L).

Minor routing adjustments to the proposed alternate route

Minor alignment changes along AltaLink's proposed alternate route are resulting in a reduction of footprint:

- Near designation point B10 the location and number of guy anchor boxes have been reduced from two to one.
- At designation points B15, B30 and B70, the alignment has been pulled closer to existing linear or pipeline corridors.
- In SW-18-59-20 W5M we've reduced the vegetation control easement (VCE) width by approximately two metres for a 100 metre segment.

A change to the alternate route in the area where it crosses the preferred route is also resulting in a reduction of footprint.

- Between designation point A94 and B84, the route has shifted slightly to the north to provide a more direct path across a pipeline corridor and the ANC Haul Road.

The adjusted alternate route is shown on the maps included with this letter.

Next steps

The AUC will review the application and can approve, approve with conditions or deny the project. The AUC may also host a hearing regarding the project. To learn more about the AUC process and how you can become involved please visit www.auc.ab.ca.

The application

The application can be viewed on the AUC's website at <https://www2.auc.ab.ca/Proceeding29355/ProceedingDocuments/Forms/AllItems.aspx>

To access the application, click on the 'eFiling System Login' button on the top of the page and log in to your eFiling account. If you do not have an account, select 'New Account' and follow the steps onscreen. Please note any questions or concerns regarding account creation and management should be directed towards the AUC at info@auc.ab.ca

Once your account has been created and you have successfully logged in, enter 29355 into the 'Go to...' search bar on the top of the page to locate the application. Alternatively, you can navigate to 'Find', click 'Proceedings' and enter "Berland" into the 'Description' search bar.

If you have any issues accessing the application, please contact us at the details below and we will mail a copy of the application to you.

Project background

To connect the TC Energy project to the grid, AltaLink's proposed project includes:

- building a new substation (called Berland River)
- building approximately 55-60 kilometres of new 138 kilovolt (kV) transmission line (called 620L)
- building a new 138 kV switching station (called Pine Creek)
- building two short segments of transmission line to connect the new Pine Creek Switching Station to the existing 685L transmission line
- installing approximately three kilometres of OPGW on the 685L transmission line
- modifying the existing 714L transmission line at the existing Benbow Substation
- install upgraded equipment at associated substations

Although AltaLink's project is required to facilitate the connection of TC Energy's project, it is a separate project.

Contact us

We are available to address any questions or concerns you may have. Please contact us at stakeholderrelations@altalink.ca or 1-877-267-1453. Further information about this project and maps are available at <https://www.altalink.ca/project/berland-river-transmission-connection>.

Sincerely,

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Enclosed:

Strip Index & Strip Maps (SMs) 16, 17, 20 & 21
Detail Photo (DP1) Map