

July 22, 2024

Tempest Wind Power Connection Project Notice of application filing

Thank you for your ongoing participation in the Tempest Wind Power Connection Project. We submitted an application for the project to the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) on July 11, 2024.

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.

Where construction activities are required to take place on private property, we will contact you in advance to discuss the specific dates and times we will require access to your property.

The application

The application can be viewed on the AUC's website at www.auc.ab.ca.

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, type "29136" 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 "Tempest" 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 its project to the grid, TransAlta is constructing a new 138 kilovolt (kV) transmission line, located approximately 20 kilometres south of the Town of Taber. To accommodate the connection, AltaLink's proposed project includes:

- modifying the existing 172EL transmission line by modifying or replacing one structure;
- installing a new underground fibre optic cable between 172EL transmission line and an existing substation in the area (called Suncor Hillridge), located in NW-36-8-18-W4M; and
- installing a new telecommunications tower at TransAlta's Tempest Substation, located in SE-19-7-17-W4M.

In the previous information distributed to stakeholders, we indicated that TransAlta was considering one of two connection points along AltaLink's existing 172EL to connect its project to the grid. These proposed connection points were originally identified as a north and a south connection point.

Prior to submitting our application on July 11, 2024, TransAlta informed AltaLink that the north connection point had been removed from further consideration. As such, AltaLink has removed the proposed modifications associated with the north connection point and has only submitted the proposed south connection point modifications in its application. Please see the attached Detail Photo (DP1) map for further details.

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/tempest-wind-power-connection-project/>

Sincerely,

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