

AUC Process Update

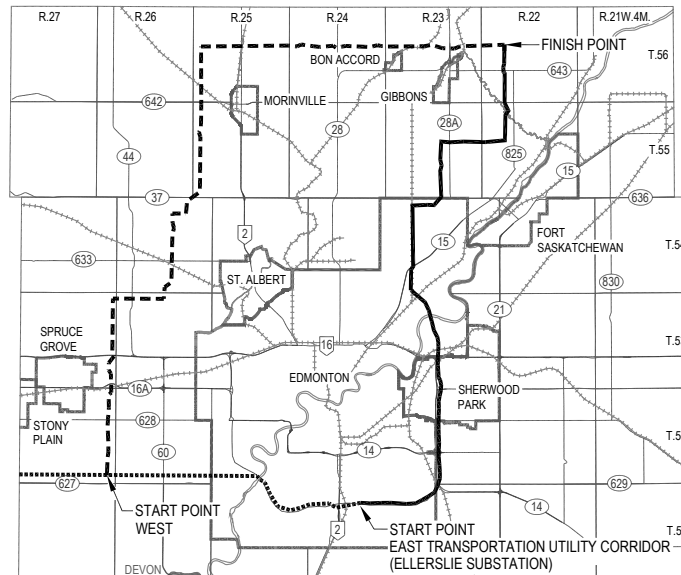
AltaLink Management Ltd. and EPCOR Utilities Ltd.'s application to the AUC is now expected in fall 2010.

The Heartland Transmission Project proposes the construction of a double-circuit, 500-kilovolt (kV) transmission line to connect the Heartland region northeast of Fort Saskatchewan to existing 500-kV transmission facilities south of Edmonton.

In its November 2009 newsletter, the proponent indicated that it would submit an application to the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC or Commission) for the Heartland Transmission Project in spring 2010.

Recently the proponent distributed a newsletter update that indicates the applicants now plan to submit their application in fall 2010.

The Heartland Transmission Project application requires AUC approval and will be the subject of a public hearing.



Preferred and alternate routes currently proposed by the proponent may differ from the eventual application to the AUC.

Legend
 — Preferred route
 - - - Alternate route
 ····· Existing transmission

This is a simplified map of the proponent's preferred and alternate routes. An electronic version of the proponent's map is available at www.heartlandtransmission.ca.



What happens next?

Enhanced public hearing process for Heartland Transmission Project application still available:

In anticipation of a spring application, the AUC initiated an enhanced process for the Heartland Transmission Project in January, 2010. The enhanced process is still applicable despite the change in timeline. This enhanced process includes:

1. Streamlined standing process for participants within 800 metres of the edge of the finalized rights-of-way (for either the preferred or alternate route);
2. Pre-registration of intention to participate; and
3. A number of options for participation in the public hearing, ranging from a written submission to full participation in the hearing.

AltaLink and EPCOR submit application in fall 2010:

Once the application is filed, the Commission will review the application to ensure it is administratively and technically complete. This is an internal review process to determine if the application includes all of the legally-required information. The Commission will not be seeking input from interested parties on the issue of whether the application is complete during this stage of the Commission's process.

Process meeting:

The AUC will schedule a process meeting within 30 days of receiving the application to finalize the process, scheduling and issues to be addressed in the public hearing.

The Commission will give extensive and advance public notice of the process meeting.

Submissions:

If you intend on participating in the Heartland Transmission Project application process, you should register your intent to participate by filing a submission with the AUC outlining the nature of your interest and/or concerns with the project.

For assistance in filing your submission with the AUC, please call 780-643-1055 or email filings@auc.ab.ca.

Information Requests:

Prior to the public hearing there will be a process to share and review information regarding the application.

The Commission and registered parties are able to request further information on the application from the applicants. Registered parties then submit the evidence that they believe supports their position. The applicants are then able to request further information with regard to the registered parties' evidence.

Public Hearing:

The date and location of the public hearing will be determined following the process meeting noted above.

More information:

The AUC is a quasi-judicial regulatory body responsible for making decisions on utility-related applications, such as building transmission lines, substations and power plants.

For more information about the AUC process for the Heartland Transmission Project and how you can become involved in the AUC's enhanced public hearing process please visit the AUC's website at www.auc.ab.ca or contact the AUC at utilitiesconcerns@auc.ab.ca or 780-427-4903.