

November 29, 2023

**RE: Sunnynook Transmission Project Update**

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In June 2023, ATCO Electric Ltd. (ATCO) sent you information about the proposed Sunnynook Transmission Project (the Project). If approved, the Project will connect a customer's generation facility to the electrical grid northeast of Sunnynook, Alberta. Consultation with directly affected stakeholders along the proposed route occurred between August and November 2023. This letter provides you with information about a minor route refinement, identification of temporary workspace, and next steps for the Project.

**Transmission Line Route Refinement**

As a result of stakeholder feedback and further refinements in engineering, the proposed route has been adjusted at the north end of the alignment. The T-tap connection point of the proposed 9LA24 transmission line has shifted east, from NE-6-28-11 W4M to NW-5-28-11 W4M. The proposed fibre optic cable route has also been adjusted to align with the new T-tap location. An updated Proposed Route Mosaic Map showing the refined route is enclosed

**Project Timeline**

<b>November – December 2023</b>	Notification to landholders, occupants, agencies and other interested parties regarding the proposed route, and consultation with landholders, occupants, agencies and other interested parties directly on or adjacent to the proposed route
<b>January 2024</b>	Submission of an application to the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC)
<b>May 2024</b>	If approval is granted by the AUC, construction activities will commence
<b>August 2024</b>	Construction activities completed

Note: Project timing and details may be adjusted as plans are finalized.

**Temporary Workspace**

Temporary workspace will be required to accommodate the movement of equipment during construction. Temporary workspace will be located parallel to the proposed right-of-way and at corners or locations where additional area is required to string the transmission line or for structure staging and assembly. If you own or occupy land in the vicinity of these temporary workspaces, your package contains one or more Facility Detail Maps. Actual dimensions and locations of these areas may be adjusted as plans are finalized. Arrangements for temporary workspace will be discussed with individual stakeholders.

**Next Steps**

In the weeks ahead, ATCO will be contacting directly affected stakeholders on or adjacent to the proposed route to discuss these updates.

When consultations have been completed, ATCO will submit an application to the AUC to obtain approval for the proposed facilities. For more information about how you can participate in the AUC

approval process, please refer to the enclosed AUC brochure entitled *Participating in the AUC's Independent review process to consider facility applications*.

Thank you for your participation on the Project so far. We appreciate you taking the time to provide us with valuable feedback. Please contact us at your earliest convenience should you have any questions or comments regarding the Project.

Sincerely,



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Planner, Lands

ATCO Electric Ltd.

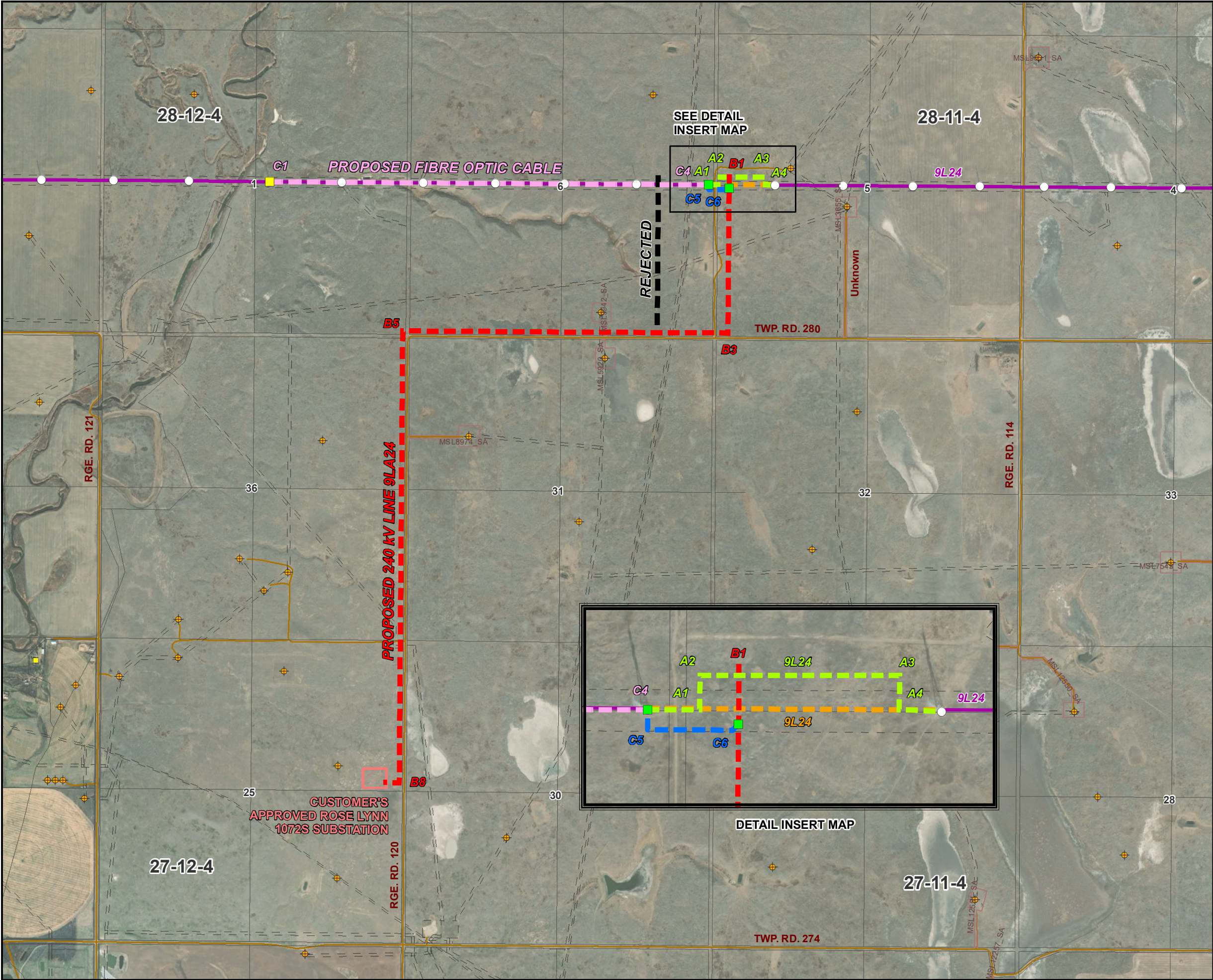
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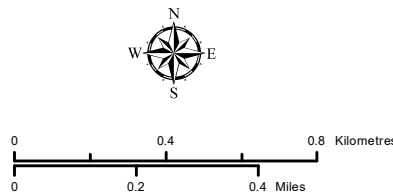
- Proposed Route Mosaic Map (RS-9LA24-N2-01)
- Proposed Facility Detail Maps (RS-9LA24-N2-02)
- Reply Form and Postage-Paid Envelope
- Alberta Utilities Commission Brochure: *Participating in the AUC's independent review process to consider facility applications*





- Customer's Substation Fence Boundary
- Proposed Fibre Splice Box
- Existing Fibre Splice Box
- Proposed Route Node
- Proposed Fibre Optic Cable Node
- Proposed 240 kV Transmission Line Route
- Rejected Route
- Proposed 240 kV Transmission Line Route Alteration
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- Existing 240 kV Transmission Line To Be Removed
- Existing 240 kV Transmission Line
- Transmission Structures
- Residence
- Surface Well Site
- Current Disposition
- Existing Easement Right of Way
- Road

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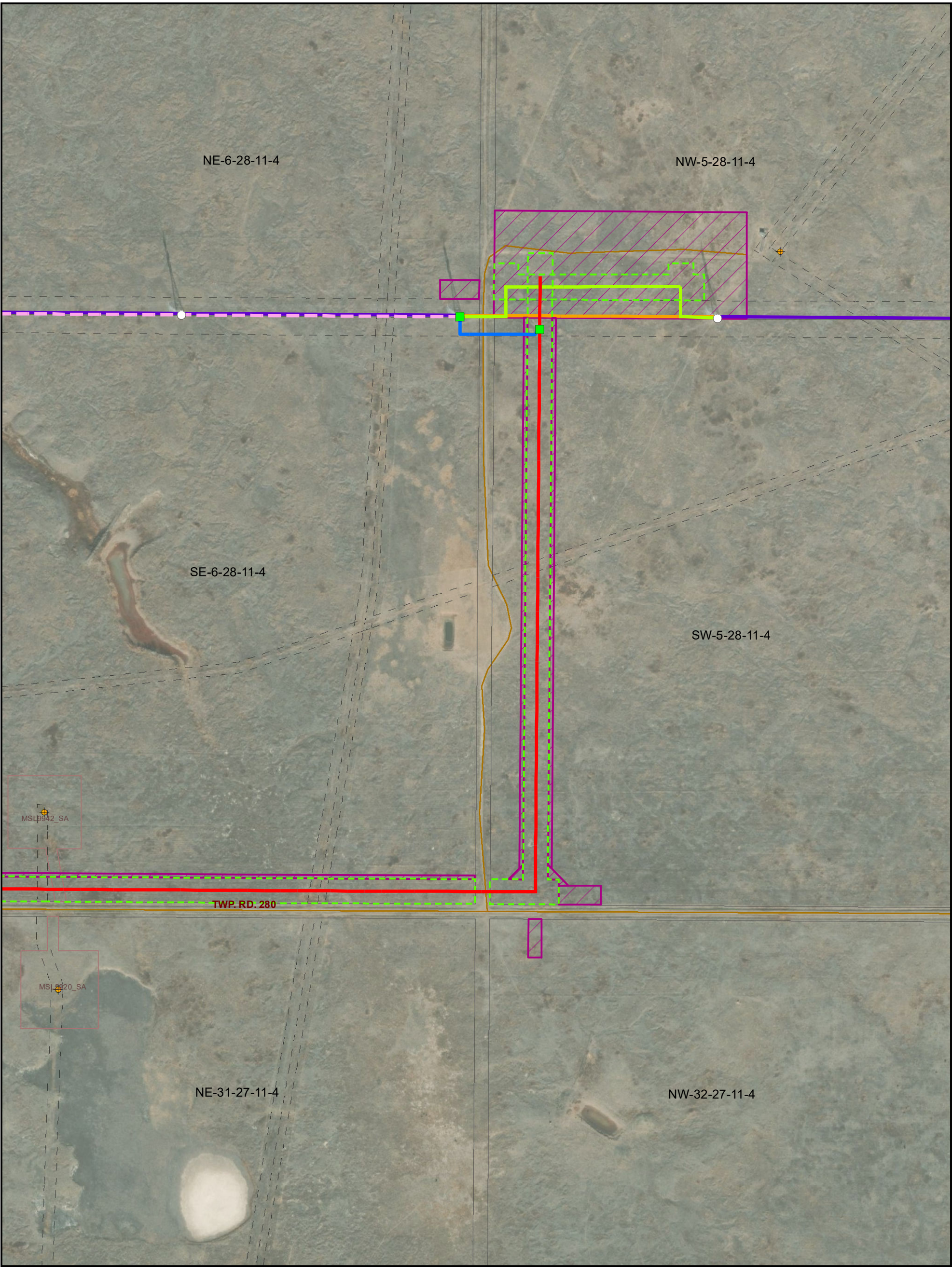
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PROPOSED ROUTE MOSAIC MAP

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Proposed Fibre Splice Box

Existing Fibre Splice Box

Proposed 240 kV Transmission Line Route

Proposed 240 kV Transmission Line Route Alteration

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Proposed Right of Way

Proposed Temporary Workspace

Customer's Substation Fence Boundary

Transmission Structures

Existing Easement Right of Way

Current Disposition

Road

0

100

200

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190

380

Feet

0

100

200

Metres

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28-12-4

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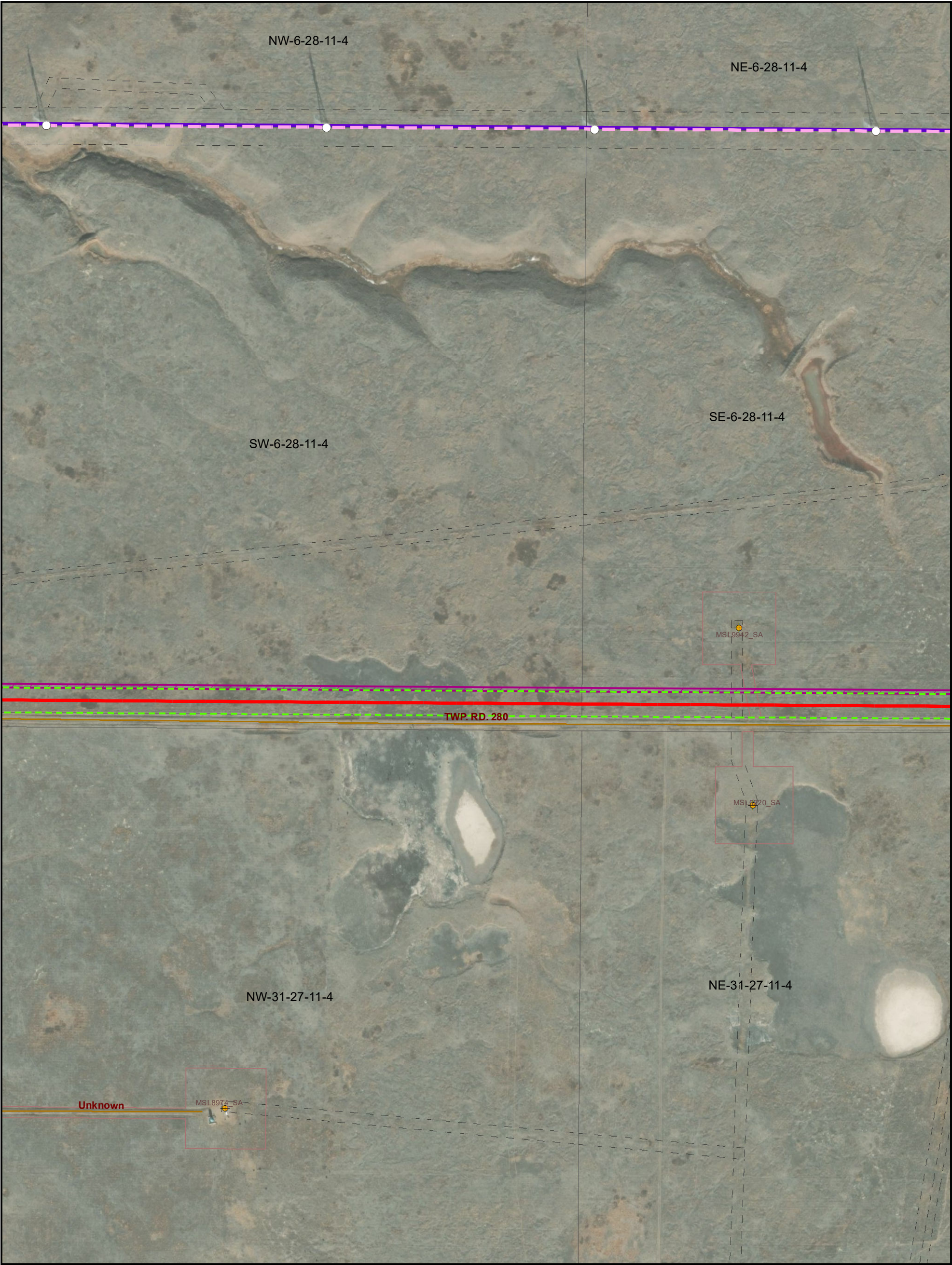
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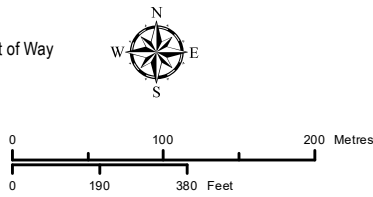
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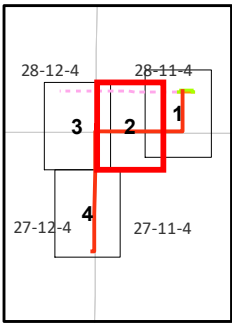
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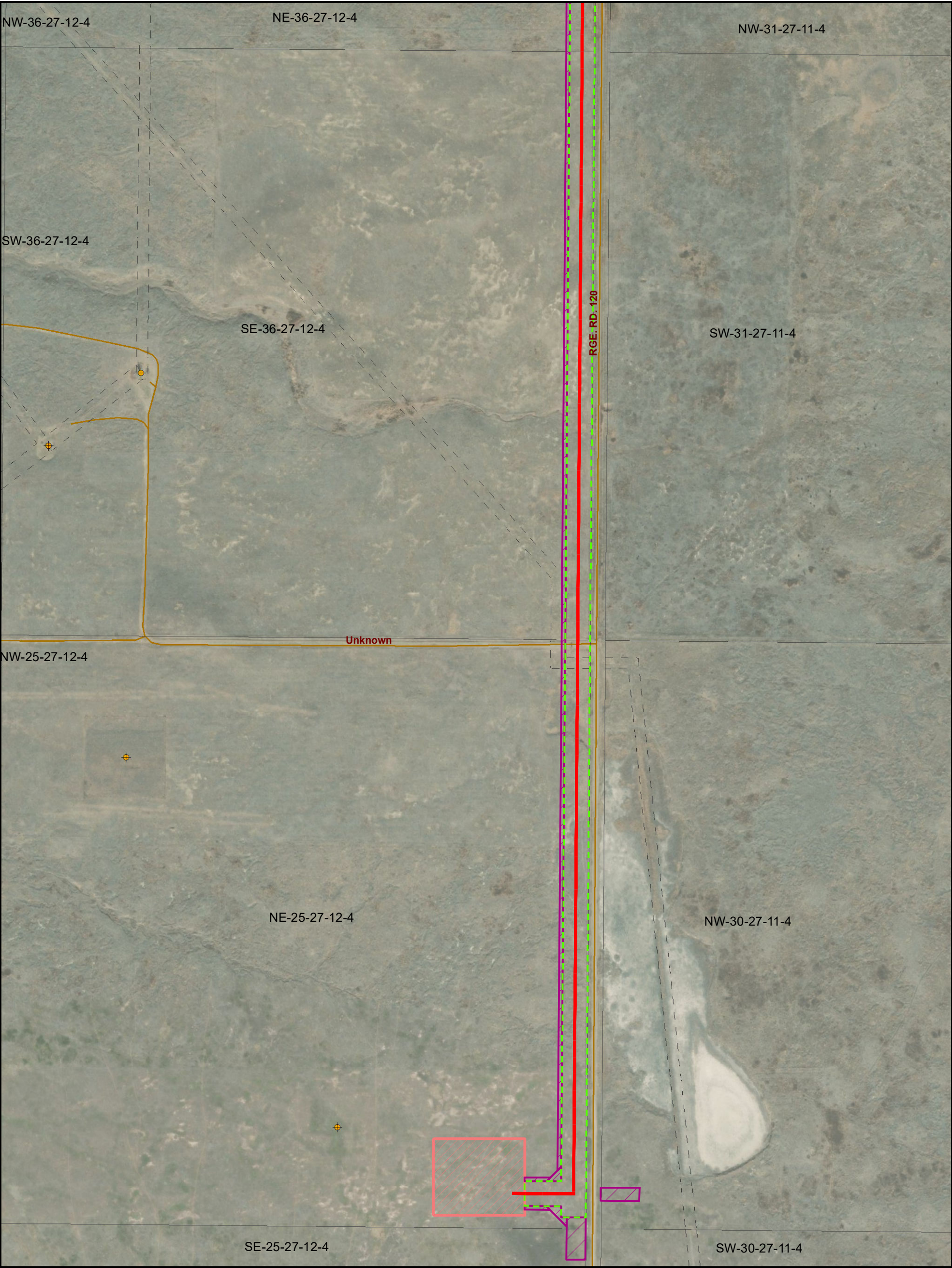
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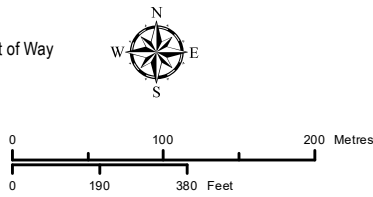






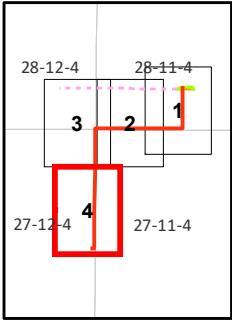
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## SHAPE THE CONVERSATION

### SUNNYSOOK TRANSMISSION PROJECT REPLY FORM

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

Date (DD/MM/YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company/Organization Name (if applicable):  
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Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Please help us identify new contacts**

You were contacted about this project because ATCO identified you or your company/organization as having a land interest in the vicinity of the project. Is there anyone else associated with your property, such as other owners, renters or occupants, who we should also contact? If so, please provide the name(s), contact information and their land interest.

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☐ I would like to receive all future correspondence about this project by Email (If this is your preference, please check the box)

**AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT PRIVACY:** *The information on this form is being collected to identify concerns with proposed changes to and/or the siting of power transmission facilities, and to comply with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) rules regarding the submission of transmission facilities applications. This information may be provided to electric facility owners, Alberta's Surface Rights Board, and the Alberta Electric System Operator. Your comments and personal information may also be publicly accessible through the AUC website, should it be submitted to the AUC as part of a transmission facility application – subject to Alberta's Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. **If you wish to keep your information confidential, you must make a request to the AUC (403-592-4376).** If you have questions or concerns about your information or how it may be used or disclosed as part of this process, please contact us (see contact information below).*

**Please let us know by checking a box below if either statement applies to you:**

☐ I do not have concerns with the Project based on the information provided

☐ I have concerns with the Project based on the information provided

**Please share any comments or concerns that you have about the Project:**

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**HOW TO SUBMIT:** Please use the enclosed envelope to return by mail or fax to 780-420-5030. If you would like more information about the project, please contact us toll free 1-855-420-5775 or by Email: [consultation@atcoelectric.com](mailto:consultation@atcoelectric.com).





## Participating in the AUC's independent review process to consider facility applications

[www.auc.ab.ca](http://www.auc.ab.ca)

### The AUC regulatory review process to consider facility applications for utility projects



The AUC uses an established process to review social, economic and environmental impacts of facility projects to decide if approval of a project is in the public interest.

The AUC considers applications requesting approval of the need for transmission development and facilities applications seeking approval to construct, operate, alter and decommission electric and natural gas facilities. Applications, as specified in AUC Rule 007, are required for:

- The need for transmission upgrades.
- The route and location of transmission facilities.
- The siting of power plants.
- The construction of a battery storage system.
- The designation of an industrial system.
- The need for and siting of natural gas utility pipelines.

Sometimes the Alberta Electric System Operator's needs identification document application is considered together with a facility application in a single proceeding; sometimes separate proceedings are held to consider each application.

### Application review process



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### Application review process

#### Step 1: Public consultation prior to applying to the AUC



An applicant seeking approval of a proposed utility development project is required to engage in a participant involvement program prior to filing an application with the AUC. The public involvement program involves consultation with persons whose rights may be directly and adversely affected by the proposed project so that concerns may be raised, addressed and, if possible, resolved.

The application guidelines and requirements for facility applications can be found in AUC Rule 007: *Applications for Power Plants, Substations, Transmission Lines, Industrial System Designations, Hydro Developments and Gas Utility Pipelines*.

Potentially affected parties are strongly encouraged to participate in the public consultation, also called a participant involvement program. Early, active and ongoing discussions with an applicant may lead to greater influence on project planning and what is submitted to the AUC for approval.

#### Step 2: Application filed to the AUC



When the applicant has concluded its consultation with potentially affected parties and the participant involvement requirements have been completed, the applicant files its application through the AUC online public filing system, called the eFiling System.

AUC staff members review each application submitted to verify that all of the application requirements in Rule 007 have been met before an application is deemed complete. If all of the required information is not provided, the application may be closed or missing information will be requested of the applicant. Rule 007 specifies, among other requirements, that applicants must submit the results of a public involvement program in its application that includes information about how applicants consulted and notified stakeholders and Indigenous groups and identifies any unresolved objections and concerns about the project.

#### Step 3: Public notice



When the AUC receives an application it is assigned a proceeding number and the AUC generally mails a notice of application directly to those who live, operate a business or occupy land in the project area who may be directly and adversely affected if the AUC approves the application. The notice initiates the opportunity for formal intervention in the proceeding to consider an application or applications. The notice of application will also set out important dates and information about where to find the application and other items being considered. The five-digit eFiling System proceeding number in the notice is the most efficient way to find information about a proposed project through the AUC website.

#### Step 4: Public submissions to the AUC



Prior to the submission deadline provided in the notice, formal submissions of outstanding concerns and unresolved objections about a project may be submitted to the AUC. To submit a concern, participants will need to register to participate in the proceeding, which involves providing a brief written statement called a statement of intent to participate. Submissions are filed electronically through the eFiling System. The information filed becomes part of the public record and is an important part of the process to ensure that outstanding concerns are heard, understood and considered.

The AUC uses the information gathered through statement of intent to participate submissions to decide whether to hold a hearing on the application(s). The AUC must hold a hearing if a concerned person can demonstrate that they have rights that may be directly or adversely affected by the AUC's decision on the application. Such a person is said to have standing before the AUC. If the AUC decides to hold a hearing, the AUC will provide further opportunities for participants with standing to ask the applicant questions on the public record and present their position on the application either in writing or in person. Hearings may



be held in writing, in person or virtually through web-conference software.

### AUC eFiling System

The eFiling System is the online tool that the AUC uses to manage applications and submissions in its proceeding-based review. The eFiling System gives access to all public documents associated with an application. The system is also used to submit your concerns and provide input to the AUC and can be used to monitor related proceeding filings. Those who do not have access to the internet can send submissions, evidence and other material by mail and the AUC will upload the submission on their behalf.

### Step 5: Consultation and negotiation (if applicable)



The AUC supports efforts to reach a mutually agreeable outcome among the applicant and affected parties. The AUC encourages the applicant and those who have filed a statement of intent to participate to continue to attempt to resolve any outstanding issues. If all concerns can be satisfactorily resolved this may eliminate the need for a formal hearing. However, if there continues to be unresolved issues, those matters will typically be addressed in an AUC hearing.

### Step 6: The public hearing process



The AUC will issue a notice of hearing if a person with standing continues to have legitimate unresolved concerns with the application. The notice of hearing will provide a hearing date and location, or specify if the hearing will be held in writing or virtually. When the AUC holds a public hearing, registered parties are given the opportunity to express their views directly to a panel of Commission members. Any member of the public can listen to an in-person or virtual oral hearing. An oral public hearing operates similar to a court proceeding.

Participants in a hearing can either represent themselves or be represented by a lawyer. In addition, participants may hire experts to assist in preparing and presenting evidence to support their position.

### Cost assistance



A person determined by the AUC to have standing or a local intervener can apply for reimbursement of reasonable costs. Those who hire a lawyer or technical experts must be aware that while reimbursement for the costs of legal and technical assistance is available under AUC Rule 009: *Rules on Local Intervener Costs*, recovery of costs is subject to the AUC’s assessment of the value of the contribution provided by the lawyer and technical experts in assisting the AUC to understand the specifics of the case. It is also subject to the AUC’s published scale of costs.

People with similar interests and positions are expected and encouraged to work together to ensure that expenditures for legal or technical assistance are minimized and costs are not duplicated.

### Step 7: The decision



The AUC’s goal is to issue its written decision no more than 90 days after the close of record. The AUC can approve, or deny an application and can also make its approval conditional upon terms or conditions. AUC decisions are publicly available through the AUC website at [www.auc.ab.ca](http://www.auc.ab.ca).

### Step 8: Opportunity to appeal



An applicant or participant in a proceeding may formally ask the Court of Appeal of Alberta for permission to appeal an AUC decision. An application for permission to appeal must be filed within 30 days from the date the decision is issued.

An applicant or participant in a proceeding can also ask the AUC to review its decision. An application to review a decision must be filed within 60 days from the date the decision is issued and satisfy the limited grounds described in AUC Rule 016: *Review of Commission Decisions*.

### Step 9: Construction, operation and compliance



An applicant that receives approval to build and operate a facility from the AUC is expected to follow through on any commitments it has made to parties and must adhere to any conditions that were set out in that approval. If concerns about compliance with approval conditions and post-construction operations cannot be resolved with the applicant, they can be brought to the AUC’s attention for consideration. The AUC has significant compliance and enforcement powers for all approved applications. Additional information is available on the AUC website.

The Alberta Utilities Commission is an independent, quasi-judicial agency of the government of Alberta that ensures the delivery of Alberta’s utility services take place in a manner that is fair, responsible and in the public interest.

We are committed to ensuring that Albertans whose rights may be directly and adversely affected by a utility development project are informed of the application and have the opportunity to have their concerns heard, understood and considered.



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