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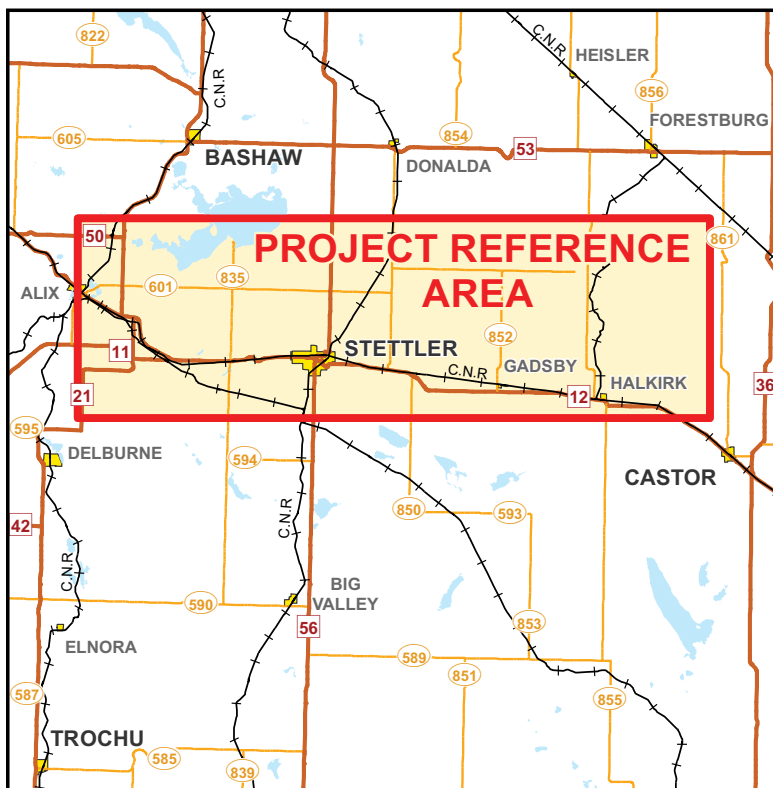
## CENTRAL EAST TRANSFER OUT TRANSMISSION PROJECT

This newsletter provides you with information about electric transmission facilities being planned in your area. This package provides important project information and outlines our public consultation process. We invite any comments, questions or concerns you may have.

ATCO Electric Ltd. (ATCO) and AltaLink were both directed by the AESO to develop portions of the Central East Transfer Out Transmission Project. ATCO is proposing to add two staged 240-kilovolt transmission lines between the existing Tinchebray substation near the Village of Halkirk and the service territory boundary near the Village of Alix and the Village of Nevis. This is to reinforce and upgrade the transfer-out capability of the transmission system in the central east area to the rest of Alberta's Interconnected Electric System.

ATCO will also require alterations to the existing Tinchebray 972S substation.

ATCO is seeking your input on how this project may affect you. If you are in the direct vicinity of the planned facilities, ATCO will contact you in the coming weeks.



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### Project Need

To learn more about Alberta's electric system and the need for the project, please contact:

#### ALBERTA ELECTRIC SYSTEM OPERATOR (AESO)

1 888 866 2959 (toll-free)

Email: [stakeholder.relations@aeso.ca](mailto:stakeholder.relations@aeso.ca)

The AESO is an independent, not-for-profit organization responsible for the safe, reliable and economic planning and operation of the provincial transmission grid. If you have any questions or concerns about the need for this project you may contact the AESO directly. You can make your questions or concerns known to an ATCO representative who will collect your personal information for the purpose of addressing your questions and/or concerns to the AESO. This process may include disclosure of your personal information to the AESO.

The AESO's Need Overview for the Central East Transfer Out Transmission Development can be found in this package or online at: [www.aeso.ca/grid/projects](http://www.aeso.ca/grid/projects)

### Included in this package:

- Project Technical Details
- Reference map— reflects the entire project area
- Route mosaic maps— maps are included for your specific land or area interests
- AESO Need Overview
- Open house invitation
- AUC brochure: Public Involvement in a Proposed Utility Development
- Reply form and postage paid envelope

# LOCAL BENEFITS

Upgrading the transmission system in your area will:

- Improve access to safe, secure and reliable power
- Allow future businesses to connect to Alberta's electric system
- Encourage investment in our province

If you are a local business, and would like to be considered for the ATCO approved vendors list, please contact us toll free at **1 800 668 2248**.



## Transmission Routes

Prior to consultation with landholders, ATCO develops early route concepts (see enclosed maps). In selecting early route concepts, ATCO considers numerous constraints and barriers, including:

- Proximity to residences
- Environmentally sensitive areas
- Wetlands
- Planned developments
- Existing infrastructure (i.e. other transmission lines, roads, highways, pipelines, telecommunication towers)
- Agriculture operations
- Visual factors
- Construction & land acquisition costs
- Quarter and section lines
- Property boundaries & field edges
- Other special considerations (i.e. access roads)

## The Process

Our research indicates that you are in the vicinity of the proposed route concepts for the Central East Transfer Out Transmission Project. In the coming weeks, ATCO may be contacting you to discuss the Project.

Consultation with landholders routinely leads to improvements on our projects. We have adjusted routes, developed new route options and rejected other routes because of conversations with landholders. Your feedback and input will help determine the best possible routes.

We would like to meet with you to gather information about the area and answer any questions you may have.

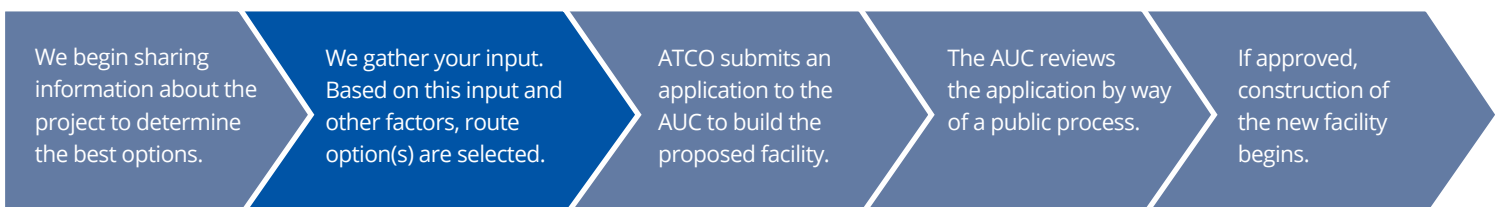
Once this initial consultation phase is complete, ATCO will refine the routes. We will then begin another round of consultations with landowners in the vicinity of the selected route options to gather additional input (see The Schedule below).

In developing route options, ATCO must consider a range of route constraints and barriers including proximity to residences (see Transmission Routes section above). We undertake extensive studies to understand the potential impacts on wildlife, wetlands and other sensitive areas.

In addition to the in-person and telephone consultations that ATCO will undertake, we invite anyone who is interested in the Project to:

- join us at an open house (see insert for dates and locations);
- provide feedback and share other information using the enclosed reply form and postage paid envelope; and
- be a part of the conversation. If you have any questions, concerns or other information regarding this Project, we want to hear from you.

## THE SCHEDULE



### PUBLIC CONSULTATION

is a continuous process that occurs throughout the life of the project.

## Access Trails and Temporary Workspace

Access trails may be required in areas where terrain conditions or the presence of wetlands make driving along the right-of-way impractical. In some situations, access trails will be temporary. Permanent access trails may be needed for ongoing maintenance in some areas. If required, temporary and permanent access trails will be approximately six to 15 metres (m) wide.

In addition, temporary workspace may be required along the edge of the right-of-way and in other selected locations. If needed, this temporary workspace will be used to install the structures and string the transmission line. At corners or locations where the line bends, additional areas may be required to string the transmission line and accommodate the movement of equipment. This temporary workspace may extend beyond the right-of-way by up to 250 m. The exact locations of all temporary workspaces and structures have yet to be determined, and dimensions may vary with final plans.

Arrangements for temporary workspace will be discussed and negotiated with landowners individually.



## The Right-of-Way

The term right-of-way refers to the area a transmission line uses including areas on either side of the line. Rights-of-way must have a minimum width to ensure safety and ongoing access for maintenance.

For safety reasons, some general restrictions on the use of the land in the direct vicinity of the transmission line may apply. These include setbacks for development.

Details including width and position of the right-of-way will depend on the type and size of the required structure, existing land use, surrounding features and other factors.

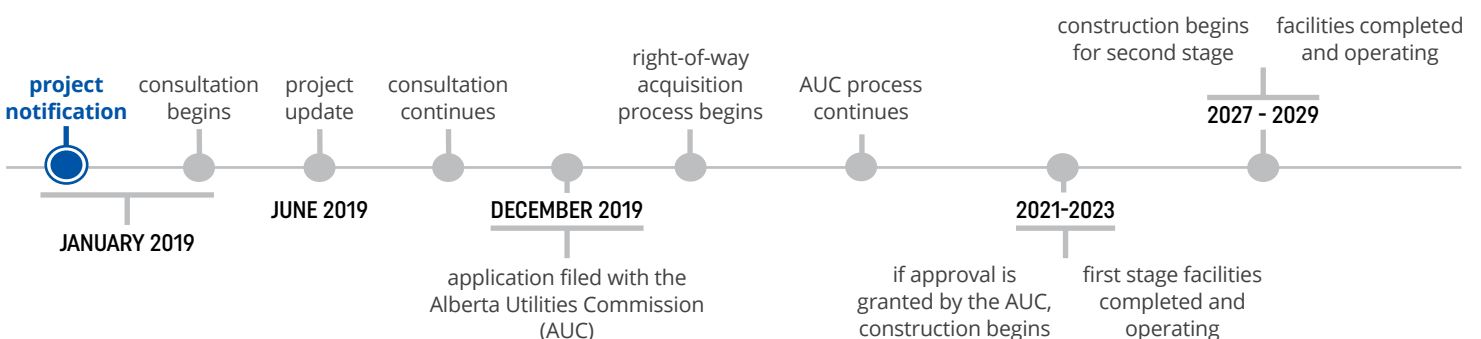
The right-of-way will follow property boundaries if feasible and in some situations, will follow existing features like a road or another power line.

The typical width of the right-of-way for the Project will vary depending on the ultimate structure selection. The maximum right-of-way that could be required is 62 m.

Once a proposed route(s) has been submitted to the AUC, ATCO begins negotiating agreements with landholders to acquire right-of-way. Once the transmission line facility is operating, landholders may return to using the land in the right-of-way according to the agreements between landholder and ATCO.

Construction of this Project is planned to occur in two stages. The first stage is planned to be developed by 2023 and the second stage is planned to be developed in 2027 to 2029. Details regarding the construction of this Project will be shared with directly affected landholders at a later date when plans are finalized.

## THE SCHEDULE



# CONTACT INFORMATION

Your comments and concerns are important to us. Please contact us if you would like to learn more about this project, or if you would like to share information with us.

- Call us toll free at 1 855 420 5775 or
- Use the enclosed reply form and postage-paid envelope to share feedback or

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Phone: 1 877 267 1453 (toll free)

Email: [stakeholderrelations@altalink.ca](mailto:stakeholderrelations@altalink.ca)

Website: [www.altalink.ca/projects](http://www.altalink.ca/projects)

## Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO)

Phone: 1 888 866 2959

Email: [stakeholder.relations@aeso.ca](mailto:stakeholder.relations@aeso.ca)

Website: [www.aeso.ca/grid/projects](http://www.aeso.ca/grid/projects)

## Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC)

Phone: 780 427 4903

(for toll-free, dial 310 0000 first)

Email: [consumer-relations@auc.ab.ca](mailto:consumer-relations@auc.ab.ca)

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

# ATCO



## Approval Process

Alberta's electrical system is regulated by the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC), an independent agency of the province that ensures the fair and responsible delivery of utility services. Before ATCO can begin construction on this project, the AUC must approve the facility application, which includes details such as location of electric transmission facilities and proposed alterations. For more information about how you can participate in the AUC approval process, please refer to the enclosed AUC brochure, Public Involvement in a Proposed Utility Development.

## Next Steps

The consultation process for this project is ongoing. Please let us know if you have questions, concerns or suggestions regarding this project. You can provide feedback and share other information using the enclosed reply form and postage paid envelope, by contacting us (toll free) at **1 855 420 5775** or by emailing us at [consultation@ATCOelectric.com](mailto:consultation@ATCOelectric.com).

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## The Technical Details

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### CENTRAL EAST TRANSFER OUT TRANSMISSION PROJECT

The technical details of facilities associated with the Central East Transfer Out Transmission Project are described in this fact sheet. Designs may vary as plans are finalized.

AltaLink's portion of the Project	New 240-kV Transmission Lines	Existing Tinchebray 972S Substation
The Project involves adding two 240 kilovolt (kV) transmission circuits between the service territory boundary, and the existing AltaLink-owned Gaetz 87S substation near Red Deer.	ATCO is planning to build new transmission lines (called 9L62 and 9L86) from the existing Tinchebray substation west to connect to AltaLink's planned transmission lines.	ATCO is planning on altering the existing Tinchebray Substation. The substation is located approximately 13 kilometres (km) northeast of the Village of Halkirk in northeast 26-39-15 W4M.
THE DETAILS	THE DETAILS	THE DETAILS
Details on the AltaLink portion of the Project can be obtained by contacting AltaLink.	Each transmission line will be 240-kV and approximately 80 km long.  Potential structure types are described in more detail on the back of this fact sheet.	The substation will undergo the following alterations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fence line expansion</li> <li>• Addition of one 240-kV bay and new substation equipment</li> </ul>

#### Definitions

**Circuit:** A circuit is a group of wires electricity flows through. ATCO's transmission lines can be single or double circuit. A single-circuit line has three wires and a double-circuit line has six. A transmission line may also have one or two shield wires on the top of the structures to protect the line from lightning.

**Circuit breaker:** A circuit breaker is an automatic switch that is designed to protect an electrical circuit from overloading by shutting off the flow of electricity.

**Consultation:** A consultation is a meeting where advice, information and views are exchanged.

**Kilovolt (kV):** A kilovolt is equal to one thousand volts. This unit of measurement is most commonly used when describing transmission and distribution lines.

Distribution and transmission lines in Alberta carry between 4-kV (4,000 volts) and 500-kV (500,000 volts).

**Right-of-way:** A right-of-way is the use of a strip of land acquired for the construction and operation of a transmission line. The term right-of-way is also used to refer to the physical space a transmission line encompasses including areas on either side of the line.

**Termination:** A termination is the point where a power line ends and connects to a substation.

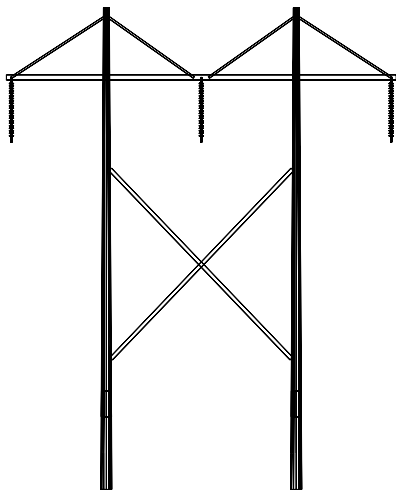
## What It Will Look Like

If approved by the Alberta Utilities Commission, the 240-kV transmission lines could be built with single-circuit structures or double-circuit structures. Typically, we identify what structures we plan to use before seeking public input. In this case however, because of the staged approach, we are engaging early with stakeholders to gather feedback on structure types as well as preliminary transmission line route options. The potential structures are shown below. The right-of-way could be up to 62 metres (m) wide and the distance between structures will range from 150 m to 375 m.

Non-typical structures with wider bases and/or guy wires and anchors may be required where the line ends or bends, at corners and to go over and around obstacles. In all cases, minimum clearance will meet or exceed the requirements of provincial safety regulations.

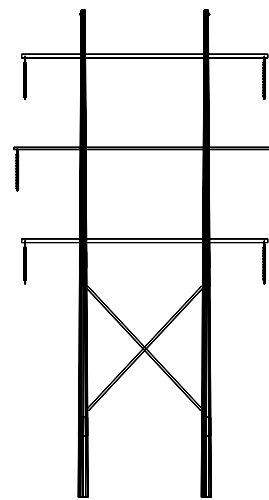
*Note: Details may change as the Project develops and designs are finalized.*

Single Circuit H-Frame Structure



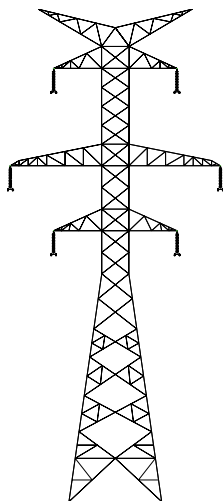
*Approximate Structure Height Range\* – 16 to 27 m*

Double Circuit H-Frame Structure



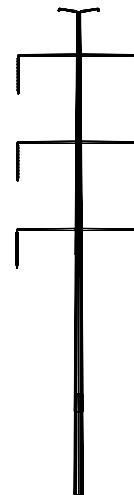
*Approximate Structure Height Range\* – 19 to 27 m*

Double Circuit Steel Lattice Tower



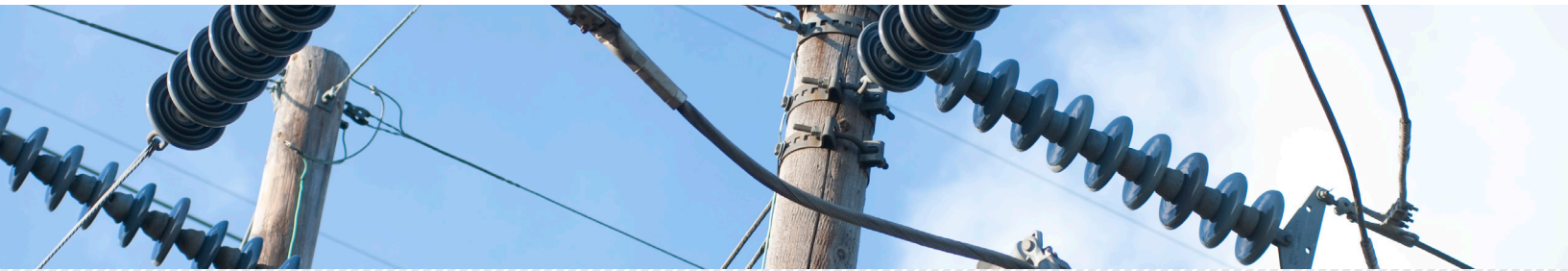
*Approximate Structure Height Range\* – 42 to 53 m*

Double Circuit Steel Mono-Pole



*Approximate Structure Height Range\* – 19 to 27 m*

*\*Final design may vary*



# The transmission system in your area needs improvement

- **The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO)** plans and operates Alberta's electric transmission system. We study the transmission system to determine what future upgrades and expansions will be needed to continue to serve the province's growing power demands and enable access to generators and other qualified customers. The AESO is regulated by, and must apply to, the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) for approval of our Needs Identification Document (NID) application, in which we must demonstrate the need for an expansion or enhancement to the transmission system, and propose a transmission solution to meet that need.

## TRANSMISSION DEVELOPMENT NEEDED IN CENTRAL EAST ALBERTA

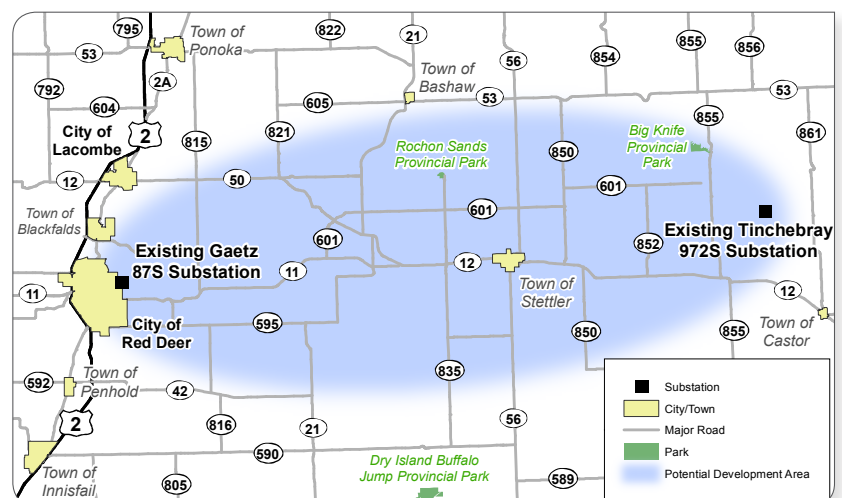
The existing transmission system in the central east area of the province is reaching its capability limits. The AESO has identified the need for the Central East Transfer-out Transmission Development (CETO) to enable additional renewable generation integration capability, and to enhance transmission system reliability.

New and enhanced transmission system infrastructure provides expanded options to connect new generation as it continues to develop in this renewable-resource rich area of the province. It also addresses demand for power, which is projected to rise over the coming years.

## WHAT IS THE PROPOSED SOLUTION?

Our studies show that the best option to meet the transmission development need includes adding two staged 240 kilovolt (kV) transmission lines between the existing Gaetz substation near the City of Red Deer and the Tinchebray substation near the Town of Castor, and adding or modifying associated equipment as needed. The AESO is proposing to have CETO developed in two stages to align closer to when additional transmission capability is required, with the first stage anticipated to be in service in 2023.

Based on current information and consistent with the AESO's commitment to ensuring that the right amount of transmission is built at the right time, we anticipate the second stage of CETO will be in service in the 2027-2029 timeframe. However, this could change as the development of a second circuit/line will be tied to a construction milestone based on the actual pace of renewable generation projects, and the coal-fired generation replacement schedule in the central east area.



## PREVIOUS TRANSMISSION PLANS IN THE AREA

In July 2014, the AESO informed stakeholders of the need for transmission development referred to as the Vermilion to Red Deer, Edgerton to Provost Transmission Development (VREP). As part of our ongoing planning process, the AESO subsequently informed stakeholders in October 2016 that the Provost to Edgerton and Nilrem to Vermilion Transmission Development (PENV) would replace parts of VREP. At that time, we had also advised that developments west of PENV may be required in the future.

We have determined that transmission development west of PENV is now required, and we are moving forward with plans in the area, which we now refer to as CETO.

## OTHER RELATED ACTIVITIES IN THE CENTRAL EAST AREA

CETO and PENV are described in the AESO's 2017 Long-term Transmission Plan. These projects will address growth in electricity demand, improve reliability, and significantly enhance new generation integration capability in the central east area of the province.

The PENV Needs Identification Document (NID) application is currently with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) for consideration. As well, engagement on a potential enhancement of ATCO's Nevis substation, which is located in the County of Stettler, is currently planned for sometime in 2019.

## AESO AND TFO ROLES

The **AESO** operates the provincial transmission system so that all Albertans can count on safe and reliable electricity to power our homes and businesses each and every day. We carefully plan transmission upgrades and expansions to keep up with Alberta's growing demand for power.

**Transmission facility owners (TFOs)** are companies that build, operate and maintain the transmission system in our province. While the AESO is responsible for identifying the need for transmission development and the proposed transmission development to meet that need, TFOs are responsible for detailed siting and routing, constructing, operating and maintaining the associated transmission facilities within their service territories.

The two TFOs in the central east area, AltaLink Management Ltd. (AltaLink) and ATCO Electric Ltd. (ATCO), own and operate the proposed CETO end-points, the existing Gaetz and Tinchebray substations, respectively. They will each be responsible for applying to the AUC for approval of the section of the 240 kV transmission line within their service territory from their substation to the shared boundary.

In preparing their facility applications, AltaLink and ATCO will be consulting with stakeholders about the locations and structure type for the new 240 kV transmission line and related upgrades. They will work collaboratively to align their proposed plans based on public input.

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## WILL YOU BE AFFECTED?

If you are receiving this newsletter, you:

- have previously received information about VREP from the AESO;
- have been identified as potentially having an interest in CETO; and/or,
- live in an area where transmission facilities related to CETO could potentially be located (please refer to the map for the CETO potential development area).

AltaLink and ATCO will be consulting with stakeholders who reside or have land interests in the CETO area in the coming months to develop and determine potential solutions, routes and sites for the required facilities previously described. Please view the TFOs' information about the CETO Transmission Development on their websites at [www.altalink.ca/projects](http://www.altalink.ca/projects) and [www.atcoelectric.com/projects](http://www.atcoelectric.com/projects).

## QUESTIONS?

At the AESO, we operate on behalf of you and all Albertans. We value the opportunity to listen to your comments and answer your questions about the need, or the AESO's proposed solution to meet the need. Please contact us at:

**AESO Stakeholder Relations**  
[stakeholder.relations@aeso.ca](mailto:stakeholder.relations@aeso.ca) or 1-888-866-2959

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## NEXT STEPS

The AESO anticipates filing a NID application for the CETO Transmission Development to the AUC in late 2019. Once the NID application has been filed, it will be shared on our website at [www.aeso.ca/grid/projects/CETO Transmission Development](http://www.aeso.ca/grid/projects/CETO%20Transmission%20Development). AltaLink and ATCO will file their facility applications for CETO to the AUC concurrent with the AESO's NID application.

### The AESO is committed to protecting your privacy.

*The feedback, comments and contact information you choose to submit is being collected by the AESO to respond to your inquiries and/or to provide you with further information. This information is collected in accordance with Section 33(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP). If you have any questions about the collection or use of this information, please contact the Manager, FOIP and Records Management, 2500, 330 – 5th Ave. SW, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 0L4 or by telephone at 403-539-2528. If you choose to communicate by email, please note that email is not a secure form of communication. Security of your communication while in transit cannot be guaranteed.*



# ATCO



# Join Us

## at our Open House

ATCO is hosting open houses for the Central East Transfer Out Transmission Project

This project is planning to add two staged 240 kV transmission lines between the existing Tinchebray substation near the Village of Halkirk and the service territory boundary near the Village of Alix and the Village of Nevis. Also there are planned alterations to the existing Tinchebray substation.

Your feedback on the project is important to us. We encourage you to learn more or provide your input by attending one of our open houses, visiting our website or by contacting us.

**1 855 420 5775 | [consultation@ATCOelectric.com](mailto:consultation@ATCOelectric.com) | [www.ATCOelectric.com](http://www.ATCOelectric.com)**

*Please join us at one of the open houses listed below  
between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.*

**Halkirk** — Tuesday, February 12, 2019

Halkirk Community Hall  
111 Main Street, Halkirk

**Stettler** — Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Stettler Community Hall  
5101 - 46 Avenue, Stettler



1 855 420 5775 | [consultation@ATCOelectric.com](mailto:consultation@ATCOelectric.com)

[www.ATCOelectric.com](http://www.ATCOelectric.com)

## Step 6: The public hearing process\*

The public hearing process provides an opportunity for those who have been unable to resolve their concerns with the applicant and have made a filing with the AUC to express their views directly to a panel of Commission members. The panel reviews the initial filings and grants what is referred to as standing to those who may be directly and adversely affected by the proposed project. Standing is necessary to continue involvement as an intervener in the proceeding which may include the filing of evidence and participation in an oral or written hearing.

The AUC will issue a notice of hearing setting out the hearing date, location and additional process steps and deadlines. An AUC public hearing operates similarly to a court proceeding and is a quasi-judicial process. The general public is welcome to attend as an observer and the hearings are often broadcast online so that those interested can listen in.

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

Persons who hire legal counsel or technical experts must be aware that while reimbursement for the costs of legal and technical assistance may be available under AUC Rule 009, recovery of costs is subject to the Commission assessing the value of the contribution provided by counsel and technical experts. People with similar interests and positions are expected to work together to ensure that any expenditures for legal or technical assistance are minimized and costs are not duplicated.

## Step 7: The decision

For electric transmission facilities, the need for transmission development filed by the Alberta Electric System Operator to the AUC must be considered to be correct unless someone satisfies the Commission that the needs application is technically deficient,

or that to approve it would be contrary to the public interest. For electric needs applications, the Commission can either approve, deny, or send the application back with suggestions for change.

Commission decisions made about applications filed for a specific utility development, including electric transmission lines, gas utility pipelines and power plants, may be approved, approved with conditions or denied. Decisions are typically released within 90 days from the close of the record as a written report. The decision, available on the AUC website, will summarize the Commission's findings and state its reasons for the decision with any conditions or approval time limits if applicable.

Sometimes needs and facility applications are considered together in a single proceeding.

## Step 8: Right to appeal

A participant in a hearing who is dissatisfied with the decision of the Commission may request that the Commission review and vary its decision. Such a request must follow the procedure set out in AUC Rule 016: *Review of Commission Decisions*.

A dissatisfied participant may also file a leave to appeal motion in the Court of Appeal of Alberta within 30 days from the date the decision is issued.

## Step 9: Construction and operation

Any applicant that receives a permit to construct and licence to operate a facility from the Commission must adhere to any conditions that were set out in the decision. If you notice something during the construction or operational phases of a project that concerns you, bring this to the applicant's attention. If you are not satisfied with the response you receive, please bring your concerns to the attention of the AUC.

**\*Denotes opportunity for public involvement**

**The Alberta Utilities Commission is committed to ensuring that Albertans whose rights may be directly and adversely affected by utility development in Alberta have the opportunity to have their concerns heard, understood and considered. If you believe you may be directly and adversely affected you can become involved in the AUC application and review process.**

## Contact information

Phone: 780-427-4903  
Email: [consumer-relations@auc.ab.ca](mailto:consumer-relations@auc.ab.ca)

Dial 310-0000 prior to the 10-digit number and then press 1 for toll-free access anywhere in Alberta.

## Information session

It is our goal to ensure that you understand the process, and your opportunities for involvement in proceedings to consider utility development applications. For those interested in having an AUC staff member further explain the application and review process or answer questions you may have about your involvement in utility development proceedings, please contact us as we may schedule a information session with you. The virtual information session on our website, found under Involving Albertans, will also provide you with further details which could assist you in understanding the process and having your say in a utility development proceeding.

This brochure provides general information only. Specific participation opportunities may differ depending on the type of application.

## Public involvement in a proposed utility development

*Understanding your rights and options for participating in a proceeding to consider applications for a proposed project in your area*

## Application process

### Step 1\*

Public consultation by the applicant.

### Step 2

Application filed with the AUC.

### Step 3

The AUC issues a notice of application or notice of hearing.

### Step 4\*

Interested parties submit filings to the AUC with any outstanding issues or objections.

If the AUC does not receive any submissions, the application will be reviewed and a decision may be made without a hearing.

### Step 5\*

The AUC issues a notice of hearing, if it was not already issued in Step 3.

- Continued opportunity for consultation and negotiation with the applicant.

### Step 6\*

Public hearing.

### Step 7

The AUC issues its decision. Below are the options the AUC may consider for:

Needs applications from the Alberta Electric System Operator:

- Approval of application.
- Return to the Alberta Electric System Operator with suggestions.
- Denial of application.

Facilities applications:

- Approval of application.
- Approval of application with conditions.
- Denial of application.

### Step 8

Option to appeal decision or ask the AUC to review its decision.

### Step 9

Approvals, construction and operation of facility, if approved.

## Having your say

Early discussions with the applicant about proposed utility developments will often result in greater influence on what is filed in the application for approval. Utility developments include natural gas pipelines, electric transmission lines and substations (including Alberta Electric System Operator needs identification documents), and power plants. Should you have concerns related to a proposed utility development, it is best to have early and ongoing discussions with the applicant.

If your objections cannot be resolved, or you have outstanding concerns upon the filing of an application with the AUC, you have an opportunity to submit an initial filing with your objections in writing to the AUC containing the following information:

- How you may be affected by the proposed project and the location of your land or residence in relation to it or any alternative proposed in the application.
- The potential effect the proposed project may have on your property or interest in the property .
- A description of the extent to which you may be affected, and how you may be affected in a different way or to a greater degree than other members of the general public.

Following this initial filing, you may be able to fully participate in the proceeding. This could include having legal representation and participation in a public hearing. It is important to note that any applied for routes and segments (preferred and alternate) could be chosen as the approved route in the AUC decision.

### Step 1: Public consultation prior to application\*

Prior to filing an application with the AUC for the approval of a proposed utility development, the applicant is required to conduct public consultation in the area of the proposed project, so that concerns may be raised, addressed and if possible, resolved.

The requirements for consultation and notification, namely the participant involvement requirements, are set out in AUC Rule 007 for electric facilities and AUC Rule 020 for gas utility pipelines.

Potentially affected parties are strongly encouraged to participate in the initial public consultation, as early involvement in discussions with an applicant may lead to greater influence on project planning and what is submitted to the AUC for approval.

### Step 2: Application to the AUC

When the participant involvement requirements have been completed, the proponent of the utility development files an application with the AUC. The application must indicate the issues which came up during the public consultation and any amendments considered or made to the project. Any unresolved objections or concerns which arose from the public consultation must be identified in the application.

\*Denotes opportunity for public involvement

### Step 3: Public notification

The Commission will issue a notice when it receives an application that, in the Commission's opinion, may directly and adversely affect the rights of one or more people. The notice is typically sent by mail to residents in the project area and may also be published in local newspapers. The notice will provide key dates, contacts and participation information for those interested in becoming involved in the process.

### Step 4: Public filings to the AUC\*

If you have unresolved objections or concerns about the proposed project filed with the AUC for approval and wish to participate in an AUC proceeding, you must make an initial written filing. Your filing must include your contact information, concern or interest in the application, an explanation of your position and what you feel the AUC should decide. Please be aware that any information or materials filed with the AUC, except information granted confidentiality, is available to the public.

### Filing your concerns

The eFiling System is a web-based tool used to manage, search and upload documents reviewed by the Commission when considering applications filed with the AUC. Using the eFiling System is the most efficient way to provide your input to the AUC and monitor other filings and updates for the application of interest to you.

Those who do not have access to the Internet can send filings, evidence and other material by mail or fax and the AUC will upload the submission on your behalf.

### Participant cost reimbursement

A person determined by the Commission to be a local intervener can apply for reimbursement of reasonable costs incurred while participating in an AUC proceeding. Details regarding recovery of participants' costs are described in AUC Rule 009: *Rules on Local Intervener Costs*.

### Step 5: Consultation and negotiation\*

The Commission supports ongoing efforts to reach a positive outcome for the applicant and all affected parties. The Commission encourages the applicant and those who have made filings 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, typically those matters will be addressed at an AUC public hearing.



# SHAPE THE CONVERSATION

## CENTRAL EAST TRANSFER OUT TRANSMISSION PROJECT REPLY FORM

10035 - 105 Street, Edmonton, Alberta, T5J 2V6

### 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).