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# FORT MCMURRAY WEST 500-KV TRANSMISSION PROJECT

Thank you. We appreciate you taking the time to provide us with valuable feedback on the Fort McMurray West 500-kV Transmission Project.

This newsletter is to advise you that Alberta PowerLine will file a facilities application with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) in December 2015. The facilities application will seek approval for the construction and operation of the Fort McMurray West 500-kV Transmission Project.

Using information you provided to us during stakeholder consultation, detailed routing analysis, as well as field studies and assessments, Alberta PowerLine has made further refinements and selected the route options that will be included in our facilities application. Only one transmission line will be built, but any one of the filed route options could be approved by the AUC.

Through ongoing feedback from landowners, Aboriginal Communities, and interested parties, further refinements to the route options have been made. If you were directly affected by changes to the route options an Alberta PowerLine representative would have contacted you to discuss the alterations. An updated overview map, and any relevant Mosaic Map(s) and Facility Detail Map(s), have been included with this notification for your reference. Updated maps for all route options are available online at www.albertapowerline.com/maps/. To meet design requirements there may be changes to structures and structure locations as more detailed engineering work is completed.

Although it is not always possible to alleviate all stakeholder concerns, Alberta PowerLine will continue to address outstanding concerns where reasonably practical and respond to requests for information.

## THE SCHEDULE

project notification & consultation activities begin

Routing Update

route options

route options for facilities application selected right-of-way acquisition process begins AUC reviews application in a public process

**FEBRUARY 2015** 

Y 2016 consultation continues

DECEMBER 2015

JANUARY 2017

**JUNE 2019** 

open houses

file application with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) (proposed routes)

by the AUC, construction begins

facilities completed and operating

#### PUBLIC CONSULTATION

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## 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.

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#### Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC)

Alberta's electrical system is regulated by the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC). The AUC is an independent agency of the province that ensures the fair and responsible delivery of utility services. Before Alberta PowerLine can begin construction on a project, the AUC must approve the facilities application, which includes details such as location of transmission facilities and routes. For more information, please refer to the enclosed AUC brochure, Public involvement in a proposed utility development.

Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC)

Phone: 780-427-4903 (for toll-free, dial 310-0000 first)

Email: consumer-relations@auc.ab.ca

### **Next Steps**

Consultation for this project is ongoing. Following the filing of the application, Alberta PowerLine will continue to work with landholders in an effort to address any additional questions or concerns they may have.

Alberta PowerLine will continue to conduct environmental assessments as directed by Alberta Environment and Parks. Outstanding environmental assessments on private land will resume in 2016.

It is important to note that AUC approval is required before Alberta PowerLine can begin to construct this transmission line. The AUC can approve any one of the filed route options. To learn more about the AUC process and how you can participate, please visit www.auc.ab.ca, or refer to the enclosed brochure titled Public involvement in a proposed utility development.

Please do not hesitate to share your comments with us; contact information is available to the left.

#### More Information

If you would like more information about the Fort McMurray West 500-kV Transmission Project, please visit our website at www.albertapowerline.com/resources/. Under Background Information you can find resources such as:

- Guide to Frequently Asked Questions
- Guyed "V" Structure Photo Simulations
- Alberta Utilities Commission Public Involvement in a proposed utility development
- Electric and Magnetic Effects (EMF) Information Sheet
- Electrical Effects Information Sheet
- Will You Hear the Transmission Line? Information Sheet

Please contact Alberta PowerLine if you prefer a hardcopy of the above information and we will be happy to mail it to you.



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