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1 Decision summary

1. In this decision, the Alberta Utilities Commission approves applications from AltaLink Management Ltd. for the Dunmore Solar Power Connection. After consideration of the record of the proceeding, and for the reasons outlined in this decision, the Commission finds that approval of the proposed development is in the public interest, having regard to the social and economic effects of the project and its effect on the environment.

2 Applications

2. AltaLink applied to the AUC for approval to construct and operate a 138-kilovolt transmission line, designated as 676AL (the transmission line), from Dunmore 1011S Substation to existing Transmission Line 676L in the Medicine Hat area. AltaLink also applied to alter the existing Transmission Line 676L to accommodate the connection and for approval to connect Transmission Line 676AL to Dunmore Solar Inc.'s Dunmore 1011S Substation. The applications were filed pursuant to sections 14, 15 and 18 of the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act* and registered as applications 27046-A001 and 27046-A002 on December 9, 2021.

3. AltaLink stated that Transmission Line 676AL would be approximately 100 metres in length. The project would also include an underground fibre-optic cable along the proposed transmission line. The targeted in-service for the project is April 1, 2023. AltaLink estimated the costs of the project would be \$4.15 million, which would be allocated to Dunmore Solar Inc.

3 Findings

4. The Commission finds that AltaLink's applications comply with the information requirements prescribed in Rule 007: *Applications for Power Plants, Substations, Transmission Lines, Industrial System Designations, Hydro Developments and Gas Utility Pipelines* and the proposed development is consistent with the need approved in Approval 27024-D01-2021¹ as well as the requirements of the Alberta Electric System Operator's functional specifications.

5. AltaLink's participant involvement program meets the requirements of Rule 007. Based on the nature of the applications and AltaLink's statement that no landowners raised any concerns regarding the project, a notice of applications was not issued and a hearing was not required as the Commission considered that its decision or order would not directly and adversely affect the rights of a person pursuant to Section 9 of the *Alberta Utilities Commission Act*.

¹ Needs Identification Document Approval 27024-D01-2021, Proceeding 27024, Application 27024-A001, December 9, 2021.

6. AltaLink retained Western EcoSystems Technology, ULC to prepare an environmental evaluation of the project. AltaLink also provided a copy of its environmental protection plan. After reviewing these documents and AltaLink's applications as a whole, the Commission is satisfied that the project is not likely to result in adverse effects to the environment.

7. Based on the foregoing, the Commission considers the applications to be in the public interest in accordance with Section 17 of the *Alberta Utilities Commission Act*.

4 Decision

8. Pursuant to sections 14, 15, 18 and 19 of the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act*, the Commission approves the applications and grants AltaLink Management Ltd. the following approvals:

- Appendix 1 – Transmission Line Permit and Licence 27046-D02-2021 – December 22, 2021, to construct and operate Transmission Line 676AL.
- Appendix 2 – Transmission Line Permit and Licence 27046-D03-2021 – December 22, 2021, to alter and operate Transmission Line 676L.
- Appendix 3 – Connection Order 27046-D04-2021 – December 22, 2021, to connect Transmission Line 676AL to Dunmore 1011S Substation.

9. The appendices will be distributed separately.

Dated on December 22, 2021.

Alberta Utilities Commission

(original signed by)

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Commission Member