

September 11, 2019

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Dear «Dear»

**Re: 7L65 Line Rebuild Project Update**

In 2018, ATCO Electric Ltd. (ATCO) sent you information about the 7L65 Line Rebuild Project, and we would now like to provide you with a project update. The proposed 7L65 Line Rebuild Project (the Project) will be located between Vegreville Substation, south of the Town of Vegreville, and Vermilion Substation, in the Town of Vermilion. If approved, the Project will replace all, or rebuild in place, portions of the existing 7L65 transmission line, which is approximately 93 km in length. The existing 7L65 line will be removed once the rebuilt line is operating.

**PROJECT UPDATE**

In November 2018, ATCO submitted a facility application for the project to the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC). ATCO applied for the proposed routes, designated as “Previously Proposed 144 kV Routes,” which are shown on the enclosed Planned Re-Routes Mosaic (Drawing RS-7L65-N4-02). Although multiple routes are shown in some areas, only one will be built.

On May 2, 2019, the AUC issued a Notice of Hearing with respect to the project, establishing a hearing date of July 23, 2019. On June 26, 2019, the Braes Rural Electrification Association (REA) filed a routing proposal with the AUC that they requested to be considered. Following this submission, and given how substantial the routing proposal was, ATCO requested that the project hearing be deferred. Putting the project on hold for a short time would give ATCO time to assess the suggested route and complete additional consultation. In addition to the routing proposal filed by the Braes REA, ATCO has also identified an alternate route that we anticipate could also address the Braes REA’s concerns. On the enclosed maps, the two new routes are shown as Reroute Option 1 and 2 respectively.

Recently, ATCO received a request from Claysmore REA to consider additional routing options to avoid their REA powerlines as well. To accommodate this request, ATCO has identified a route that we believe would address their concerns. On the enclosed maps, this route is shown as Reroute Option 3.

All these routing proposals are shown on the Planned Re-Routes Mosaic (RS-7L65-N4-02) and the Planned Re-Routes Mosaic Detailed Map (RS-7L65-N4-03). All landholders will receive the Planned Re-Routes Mosaics with this letter for an overview of the route options.

For the Planned Re-Routes Mosaic Details Maps, landholders with specific land interests in localized areas have additional maps included in your package. Please note that all maps are available at ATCO.com (click on “Projects”) or can be mailed to you upon request.

The details of each potential route are described in the sections below.

**PLANNED REROUTE OPTION 1, SOUTHEAST OF INNISFREE — NODES X48–A55–X61–X62**

This planned reroute option between Nodes X48–A55–X61–X62 was proposed by the Braes REA as an alternate route that avoids the REA powerline completely. As requested, ATCO has reviewed the proposed route alternative and mapped for review by land interest holders in proximity to this localized change. Details of this route option can be found in the table below and Planned Re-Routes Mosaic Maps 1 and 2 (Drawing RS-7L65-N4-02) and Planned Re-Routes Mosaic Detailed Maps 14 to 18 and 8 to 12 (Drawing RS-7L65-N4-03).

NODE	ROUTE SEGMENT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION	MAP REFERENCE
<b>X48 – X50</b>	Cross Township Road 510 at X48 to the south and travel eastward	Drawing RS-7L65-N4-02a, Drawing RS-7L65-N4-03-14
<b>X50 – A52</b>	Cross Township Road 510 at X50 to the north and travel eastward	Drawing RS-7L65-N4-02a, Drawing RS-7L65-N4-03-14 and 15
<b>A52 – A53</b>	Cross Township Road 510 to the south at A52 and travel eastward	Drawing RS-7L65-N4-02a, Drawing RS-7L65-N4-03-15
<b>A53 – A55</b>	Cross Township Road 510 to the north and travel eastward	Drawing RS-7L65-N4-02a and b Drawing RS-7L65-N4-03-15 to 18
<b>A55 – C55</b>	Cross Township Road 510 to the south at A55 and travel south on east side of Range Road 94	Drawing RS-7L65-N4-02b, Drawing RS-7L65-N4-03-18, Drawing RS-7L65-N4-03-8
<b>C55 – X61</b>	Travel east along quarter section line to X61	Drawing RS-7L65-N4-02b, Drawing RS-7L65-N4-03-8 to 12
<b>X61 – X62</b>	Travel north along eastside of Range Road 91 until X62	Drawing RS-7L65-N4-02b, Drawing RS-7L65-N4-03-12 and 13

**PLANNED REROUTE OPTION 2, SOUTHEAST OF INNISFREE — NODES A46–X47–X61–X62**

In addition to the routing proposal filed by the Braes REA, ATCO is also proposing an additional alternative that avoids, as requested, the Braes REA powerline. Details of the planned reroute can be found below and are presented on the Planned Re-Routes Mosaic Map 1 and 2 (Drawing RS-7L65-N4-02) and Planned Re-Routes Mosaic Detailed Map 1 to 12 (Drawing RS-7L65-N4-03).

NODE	ROUTE SEGMENT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION	MAP REFERENCE
<b>A46 – X47</b>	Travel south along the east site of Highway 16 until X47	Drawing RS-7L65-N4-02a, Drawing RS-7L65-N4-03-1 and 2
<b>X47 – X61</b>	Travel east along the quarter section line until X61	Drawing RS-7L65-N4-02b, Drawing RS-7L65-N4-03-2 to 12
<b>X61 – X62</b>	Travel north along eastside of Range Road 91 until X62	Drawing RS-7L65-N4-02b, Drawing RS-7L65-N4-03-12, Drawing RS-7L65-N4-03-13

It should be noted that this route alternative would overlap partially with a rejected route segment between nodes C49 – C51. This route was previously rejected in favour of route segment A46 – A52 due to its requirement for a crossing of the natural coulee area immediately east of Highway 16, as well as the increased line length, whereas A46 – A52 (previously proposed) would minimize new disturbances to natural areas and to landowners.

### PLANNED REROUTE OPTION 3, EAST OF MANNVILLE — NODES A68–A70–A72–A74

The final planned reroute option being considered avoids, as requested, the Claysmore REA powerline. Details of the planned reroute can be found below and details of the planned route alteration are presented on the Planned Re-Routes Mosaic Map 3 (Drawing RS-7L65-N4-02) and Planned Re-Routes Mosaic Detailed Maps 19 to 21 (Drawing RS-7L65-N4-03).

NODE	ROUTE SEGMENT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION	MAP REFERENCE
<b>A68 – A70</b>	Travel east cross country until A70	Drawing RS-7L65-N4-02c, Drawing RS-7L65-N4-03-19
<b>A70 – A72</b>	Travel northeast along the valley crest until A72	Drawing RS-7L65-N4-02c, Drawing RS-7L65-N4-03-19, Drawing RS-7L65-N4-03-20
<b>A72 – A74</b>	Travel east along the quarter section line until A74	Drawing RS-7L65-N4-02c, Drawing RS-7L65-N4-03-20, Drawing RS-7L65-N4-03-21

It should be noted that this route alternative overlaps wholly with previously rejected route segment A70–A72–A74. This route segment was previously rejected in favour of route segment A68–B72–B75–A74 due to the greater length of line that would not follow roads or property boundaries, newly exposed residences, greater impact to agricultural use and potential environmental sensitivity along the crest of the Vermilion River valley. In contrast A68–B72–B75–A74 is almost completely within road allowances, not in proximity to residences and would minimize disturbances to landowners.

If you are no longer in the vicinity of the routes proposed in the facility application, you will not be contacted with updates relating to the 7L65 Line Rebuild Project unless otherwise requested. Project updates will continue to be available at [ATCO.com](http://ATCO.com) (click on “Projects”).

#### NEXT STEPS

ATCO will be reaching out to directly impacted landowners along the planned reroute options to consult on the changes described above. A notification package will also be sent to land interest holders in the vicinity of the localized changes; however, based on timing, some impacted landowners may receive notification packages after they have been contacted by a land agent.

On completing stakeholder notification and consultation, ATCO will either file an amendment with the AUC with either one or both of the re-routes or will notify that AUC that no amendment is required to the application. It is important to note that AUC approval is required before ATCO can begin to construct this transmission line.

You may receive a Notice of Hearing with a revised hearing schedule once the AUC has reviewed the potential Application amendment. The AUC may approve any one of the filed route options. For more information about how you can participate in the AUC process, please refer to the enclosed brochure, entitled “Public Involvement in a Proposed Utility Development.”

If the AUC approves the project, construction activities will begin as early as September 2020. Project timing and details may be adjusted as plans are finalized.

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 if you have any questions or comments about the project.

Sincerely,

*<originally signed by>*

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# SHAPE THE CONVERSATION

## 7L65 LINE REBUILD PROJECT REPLY FORM

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **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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**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).