

Brintnell to Wesley Creek 240-kV Transmission Line

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To: Landholders, Agencies and Other Interested Parties

On November 23, 2007, ATCO Electric received approval from the Alberta Energy and Utility Board (now Alberta Utilities Commission) to proceed with construction of a new 226-kilometre transmission line that will extend from the Wabasca to the Peace River areas. The line is required to strengthen the transmission system and support increasing transmission needs in northwest Alberta.

ATCO Electric has hired Balfour Beatty and United Group to manage the construction phase of this project, and continues to employ local contractors, where they have the capability and can do the work competitively.

After a productive winter construction period, ATCO Electric is planning to continue work throughout the summer and fall of 2008, using summer construction methods. This will involve the use of low-impact (wide-tracked) equipment, and some use of helicopters for setting steel structures onto their foundations. The work will be closely monitored to minimize right-of-way disturbance.

ATCO Electric is proposing to complete the construction of the transmission line by spring 2009, one year ahead of original estimates. The line is tentatively scheduled to be energized in July 2009, once all the necessary upgrades to the Brintnell and Wesley Creek substations have been completed. This would allow ATCO Electric to re-assign much needed construction crews to other major projects during the winter of 2009-2010.

Project Update

Since regulatory approvals were obtained last November, the following work has been completed as of the end of March 2008:

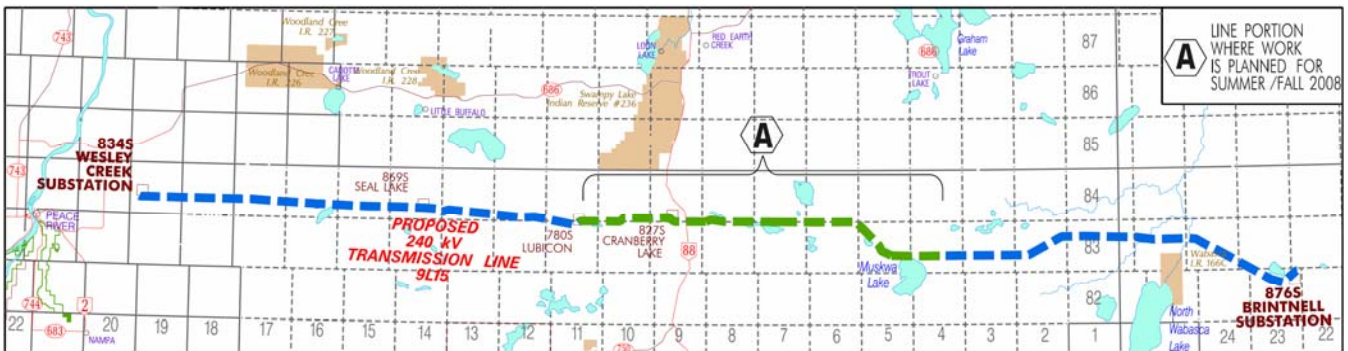
- Right-of-way clearing was completed for the entire line;
- Foundations and most of the anchors were installed for about one-third of the line from structure number 255 in the Muskwa Lake area (Township 83-Range 4-W5M) to Lubicon substation (Township 83-Range 11-W5M);
- Some construction material was delivered to storage sites along the transmission line before the spring road bans (more material to be delivered once the bans have been lifted); and
- To prepare for summer and fall work, a one-kilometre road made of wood chips was built and five temporary bridges were installed west of Highway 88 towards the Lubicon substation.



Summer and Fall Work

The construction work planned for the summer/fall of 2008 is scheduled to begin in July, or as soon as weather conditions are favourable. It will include:

- Installing 269 structures (approximately 71 kilometres) from structure 255 (Muskwa Lake area) to Lubicon substation. This work is scheduled to occur in July and August 2008;
- Installing conductors for approximately 27 kilometres between structure 419 (approximately 7 kilometres east of Highway 88) and Lubicon substation (approximately 20 kilometres west of Highway 88). This work is scheduled to be completed by the end of September 2008;
- Expanding the fenced area and site, and installing foundations for the new circuit breakers and associated equipment at Brintnell substation in N½ 36-82-23-W4M about 30 kilometres northeast of Wabasca. This work is currently scheduled to take place between July 2008 and May 2009; and
- Expanding the fenced area and installing foundations for the new 240 kV transformers, circuit breakers and associated equipment at Wesley Creek substation in SW 17-84-19-W5M about 20 kilometres east of Peace River. This work is currently scheduled to take place between September 2008 and July 2009.



Environmental Protection

Construction and subsequent activities will all be carried out in accordance with Alberta Environment’s *Environmental Protection Guidelines for Electric Transmission Lines (C&R/IL/95-2)*. Every effort will be made to reduce our footprint in order to minimize the impact on the environment. ATCO Electric will continue to work with trappers and Aboriginal communities to mitigate potential impacts on traditional land uses.

Traffic

ATCO Electric will promote safe transportation routes to and from the transmission line right-of-way and substation sites to minimize the impact on local residents. There will be limited road usage for line construction as the equipment will be on the right-of-way for the duration of the project. Area roads will be used to transport material and ferry the workforce to and from the right-of-way. ATCO Electric will observe all traffic regulations and provincial and municipal requirements (signage, road bans, etc.) and will continue to observe additional specific measures for Township Road 842 west of Wesley Creek substation (speed limit 60 km/h or less, avoid non-emergency stops/parking, avoid use of break retarders, no littering or loose cargo, watch for school buses).

ATCO Electric will continue to work with affected landowners, communities, stakeholders and other interested parties through to the completion of this project to ensure any issues are identified and addressed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact:

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