

**LAND USE AND ENVIRONMENT ASPECTS
CONFIRMATION LETTER**

March 6, 2017

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Attention: Ed Mayer, Project Manager

Dear Ed Mayer:

RE: Confirmation that the land use and environmental aspects outlined in AUC Rule 007 NID 7(9) are addressed in AltaLink’s Letter of Enquiry for the Keephills Area Transmission Re-configuration

The land use and environmental aspects of AUC Rule 007 NID 7(9) are addressed in AltaLink’s Letter of Enquiry (LOE) where applicable. Each environmental or land use aspect is addressed in the sections of the LOE identified below and as described:

1. Land Assessment

Is addressed in the LOE in Section 1 (Project Details) and Section 4 (Environmental Evaluation). The work for this project will occur on previously disturbed land that is owned or held as right-of-way by AltaLink or TransAlta.

2. Agricultural and land use features

Is addressed in the LOE in Section 1 (Project Details) and Section 4 (Environmental Evaluation). The land use in the project area is a mixture of industrial and agricultural, and the Project will occur entirely on previously disturbed private land.

3. Environmental features

Is addressed in the LOE in Section 4 (Environmental Evaluation). A search of the Alberta Environment and Parks wildlife sensitivity mapping was completed in February 2018. The Project is not located within any AEP key ranges or key wildlife layers.

The Project is not located in a Key Wildlife Biodiversity Zone, an Environmentally Sensitive Area, or in a park or protected area.

The requirements of Environment Canada and AEP Emergency Orders (AUC Bulletin 2014-04) in respect of the Greater Sage Grouse do not apply to the Project as the existing facilities are not located within a region managed under such orders.

4. Applicable Regional land use plan

Is addressed in the LOE in Section 1 (Project Details). The Project site occurs within the boundaries of the North Saskatchewan Regional Plan (NSRP). A draft of the NSRP has not been completed to date.

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding the information contained herein, please contact me by telephone at 403.267.8017 or by email to sean.heffernan@altalink.ca.

Sincerely,



Sean Heffernan
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