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Sweetgrass Solar with Storage Connection Project

Project Update 3

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About The Project

Neoen Renewables Canada Inc. (Neoen) is proposing the Sweetgrass Solar with Storage Connection Project (the Project), a new single-circuit 240-kilovolt (kV) electrical transmission line designated 1174L. The Project would connect the Sweetgrass Solar with Storage facility to the Alberta Interconnected Electric System (AIES) via AltaLink's existing 240 kV transmission line 1038L.

The Sweetgrass Solar with Storage facility is a 396-megawatt alternating current (MWac) solar facility and a 150-megawatt (MW) battery energy storage system (BESS) approved for development on private lands approximately 4.5 km east of the Hamlet of Granum. The facility was approved under Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) Proceeding No. 29372.

The Project will connect the facility's approved substation (Sweetgrass 1160S) to AltaLink's 1038L transmission line at AltaLink's planned Willow Creek 1132S switching substation, located west of Highway 2, south of Claresholm.

AltaLink is engaging stakeholders regarding the connection work associated with the Project, including the proposed Willow Creek 1132S switching substation and any required upgrade work. AltaLink will submit a separate facilities application to the AUC for this scope of work.

Once 1174L is in service, and following a temporary period of joint operation, ownership of the transmission line will be transferred to AltaLink.

Purpose of This Notice

Neoen is providing this third project update in advance of its planned submission of a facilities application to the AUC for approval of the proposed 240 kV transmission line, designated 1174L.

This update is intended to:

- Summarize routing alternatives suggested during consultation;
- Explain how those alternatives were evaluated using consistent routing criteria;
- Identify the preferred and alternate routes Neoen intends to propose for AUC consideration;
- Provide an updated project schedule; and
- Confirm next steps in the regulatory process.

The following materials are enclosed with this notice:

- Attachment 1: Map of stakeholder-suggested routes considered during routing.

- Attachment 2: Routing Evaluation Table (summary of how stakeholder-suggested routes performed against the routing criteria).
- Attachment 3: Map of routes proposed to the AUC (Route A, A-Variation, B-Variation, and C), including the associated right-of-way.

Consultation Summary

Since the commencement of consultation in January 2025, Neoen has received feedback from landowners, local residents, Indigenous communities, local municipalities, and other stakeholders regarding potential routing options for the Project.

Stakeholder input included, among other items:

- Suggestions for alternative route alignments to reduce local impacts.
- Requests to avoid specific cultivated areas, irrigation infrastructure, farm operations, residences, or industrial sites.
- Interest in aligning with existing linear infrastructure where feasible, such as roads or existing utility corridors.
- Identification of local constraints and preferences regarding routing, structure locations and structure types.

All routing suggestions received were logged, reviewed, and evaluated by Neoen and its technical team. The attached map shows the stakeholder-suggested routes that were considered during the detailed routing stage.

How Routing Alternatives Were Evaluated

Routing alternatives were evaluated using the same routing and siting criteria applied to the Project's preliminary routes. This ensured that each option was assessed consistently and transparently.

Key evaluation considerations included:

- Technical feasibility and constructability, including route length, number of turns, and crossing requirements.
- Agricultural impacts, including cultivated lands, irrigation infrastructure, and potential constraints on farm operations.
- Environmental features and constraints, including wetlands, watercourses, native grasslands, and other sensitive features.
- Proximity to residences and industrial sites.
- Interactions with existing infrastructure, including roads, pipelines, distribution lines, and other utilities.
- Relative cost and schedule implications.
- Constraints that could prevent a route from being viable, for example, inability to connect to the planned substation locations or conflicts with commitments made by Neoen in respect of the approved Sweetgrass Solar with Storage facility.

The attached Routing Evaluation Table summarizes how each stakeholder-suggested route performed against the evaluation criteria.



Preferred and Alternative Routes Proposed for AUC Consideration

Based on public feedback, engineering input, environmental field studies, and the detailed and iterative routing and siting analysis undertaken by Neoen’s technical team, Neoen intends to propose the following routes for AUC consideration:

- Route B-Variation as the preferred route (developed from a stakeholder-suggested route and refined through engineering and field studies).
- Route A as an alternative route
- Route A-Variation as an alternative route (developed from a stakeholder-suggested route and refined through engineering and field studies).
- Route C as an alternative route.

Where feasible, Neoen incorporated stakeholder feedback into the refined routing options. In particular, Neoen developed Route A-Variation and Route B-Variation from stakeholder-suggested routes and will include these route alternatives in the facilities application for the AUC’s consideration. Some other stakeholder-suggested alternatives could not be incorporated due to technical constraints, increased interactions with sensitive features, higher costs, or fatal flaws that prevent such routes from being viable. These outcomes are summarized in the attached Routing Evaluation Table.

The enclosed map shows the routing options proposed for AUC consideration and the associated right-of-way.

Neoen recognizes that no routing option entirely avoids impacts. The routes proposed for AUC consideration reflect the outcome of a comparative assessment using consistent routing criteria.

Next Steps and Updated Project Schedule

Neoen is finalizing engineering, environmental, and consultation documentation in preparation for the facilities application to be filed with the AUC. After the facilities application is filed, the AUC will issue a notice of application and provide information on how potentially affected parties may participate in the proceeding.

The schedule below reflects Neoen’s current estimate for the regulatory process. Construction and in-service timing remain under review with the AESO and will be updated as the interconnection process advances.

Milestone	Current Estimate
Deadline for stakeholders to raise concerns with Neoen prior to filing	July 15, 2026
Planned Facilities Application submission to the AUC	August 2026, subject to change
Anticipated AUC decision	August 2027
Anticipated construction start	To be confirmed, under review with the AESO



Anticipated in-service date (under review with the AESO)

To be confirmed, under review with the AESO

Note: Dates are estimates, subject to change and to regulatory approvals

If you have concerns regarding the proposed routing options, Neoen encourages you to contact the project team prior to July 15, 2026, so Neoen has an opportunity to review and, where appropriate, respond before filing the facilities application with the AUC.

Following submission of the facilities application, the AUC will issue a Notice of Application describing how potentially affected persons may participate in the regulatory process.

What Neoen Needs From Stakeholders Before Filing

If you wish to provide input before filing, Neoen is particularly interested in receiving:

- Location-specific feedback on routing;
- Areas where structure placement, access, or construction sequencing could create operational issues;
- Suggestions that would reduce agricultural impacts while maintaining technical feasibility; and
- Any new information that Neoen should consider in its routing assessment.

Continuing Engagement

Neoen remains committed to ongoing engagement. While routing has been refined, feedback received prior to application filing will continue to inform mitigation measures, construction planning, and land-specific discussions.

If you have questions about this update or would like to discuss the routing evaluation in more detail, please contact:

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About Neoen

Founded in 2008, Neoen is a leading global renewable energy company developing and operating solar, onshore wind, and battery storage projects. With 8.3 GW in operation or under construction, Neoen aims to add 10 GW of renewable power generation to its portfolio by 2030. The company operates nearly 200 assets across four continents, including major projects in Australia, France, and Finland.

Operating in Canada since 2022, with offices in Toronto and Calgary, Neoen operates the Fox Coulee Solar Farm in Starland County, Alberta, and was awarded a 20-year contract by Ontario's IESO for a 400 MW, four-hour battery energy storage project in May 2024. Neoen is actively developing additional projects across Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Ontario.

To learn more about Neoen Canada, please visit <https://canada.neoen.com/>



About the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC)

The Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) is an independent, quasi-judicial agency established by the Government of Alberta, responsible to ensure that the delivery of Alberta's utility service takes place in a manner that is fair, responsible and in the public interest.

They regulate investor-owned natural gas, electric and water utilities and certain municipally owned electric utilities to ensure that customers receive safe and reliable service at reasonable rates. The AUC ensures that electric facilities are built, operated and decommissioned in an efficient and environmentally responsible way.

The AUC also provides regulatory oversight of issues related to the development and operation of the wholesale electricity market in Alberta as well as the retail gas and electricity markets in the province.

For more information visit www.auc.ab.ca or refer to the enclosed brochure.

About AltaLink

AltaLink is a regulated electricity transmission provider in Alberta and is responsible for any modifications required to its existing 240 kV transmission line 1038L, as well as to the existing Windy Flats 138S, SC1 266S, Foothills 237S and Janet 74S substations. Additionally, AltaLink will design and construct the planned Willow Creek 1132S switching substation and will carry out the required modifications to 1038L transmission line.

AltaLink will also install new or modify/upgrade the existing communications systems as needed to meet the Project's operational, control, protection and SCADA requirements. AltaLink's scope is separate from the transmission line that Neoen is proposing to construct. Details will be communicated directly by AltaLink.

To learn more about the connection to the existing 1038L transmission line owned by AltaLink, please contact:

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