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Alberta Utilities Commission
Eau Claire Tower
1400, 600 Third Avenue S.W.
Calgary, AB T2P 0G5

Attention: Ms. Kristjana Kellgren
**   Executive Director, Rates**

Dear Ms. Kellgren:

RE: AltaLink Management Ltd., in its capacity as general partner of AltaLink, L.P. (AltaLink),
**   KainaiLink and PiikaniLink 2024-2025 General Tariff Applications**

AltaLink is hereby filing with the Alberta Utilities Commission (the Commission) its General Tariff Application (GTA) along with the KainaiLink and PiikaniLink GTAs for the 2024-2025 Test Period commencing January 1, 2024, through to December 31, 2025.

These GTAs consists of the following:

1. The Application;
2. Appendices containing detailed supporting information, including evidence of independent witnesses; and
3. MFR schedules (in Excel format).

The GTA also includes AltaLink's Deferral Accounts Reconciliation for projects completed in 2021-2022 and amounts associated with other deferral accounts.

To assist the Commission, AltaLink has prepared a proposed process schedule for the Commission's consideration as follows.

Process step	Deadline
Application Filed	April 28, 2023
SIP deadline	May 15, 2023
Submissions on issues list	May 16, 2023
Commission issues final issues list	May 23, 2023
Technical session (Cyber and Physical Security)	May 16-26,[1] 2023
Intervener and AUC IR to AML	June 1, 2023
AML Responses to Intervener IRs	June 15, 2023

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[1] To assist the Commission with proceeding timelines, AltaLink is indicating a timeline that it is available for technical sessions. AltaLink advises that experts for the technical session are unavailable on May 17-18, 2023.

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Intervener Motion for Further and Better IR Responses (if required)	June 21, 2023
AML Response to Intervener Motion (if required)	June 27, 2023
Interveners' reply to AML Response to Intervener Motion (if required)	June 29, 2023
AUC Ruling on Intervener Motion (if required)	July 4, 2023
Further IR responses based on AUC Ruling (if required)	July 13, 2023
Negotiated Settlement Process	July 18 – 31, 2023
AML File Outcome of Negotiated Settlement Process	August 1, 2023
If NSA is filed	
AML Files NSA	August 8, 2023
All Parties file confirmation of fairness of the NSP	August 8, 2023
Commission IRs on NSA	August 28, 2023
AML IR responses on NSA	September 6, 2023
If NSA is not filed or Partial NSA filed	
Intervener Evidence	August 15, 2023
IRs on intervener evidence	August 22, 2023
IR responses from interveners	August 29, 2023
Rebuttal evidence	September 15, 2023
Submission of oral argument summary notes	September 20, 2023
Virtual hearing – oral argument and reply argument	September 27, 2023
Decision	December 31, 2023

AltaLink submits that the proposed schedule reflects appropriate process steps and reasonable timelines for each step, having regard for the size and complexity of the GTAs. In addition, AltaLink notes the following.

Prior to filing the GTAs, AltaLink met with customer groups to provide a high level overview of the GTAs. Based on those discussions, AltaLink understands that all parties are supportive of a procedural schedule that includes a Negotiated Settlement process. Pursuant to AUC Rule 018, Rules on Negotiated Settlements, AltaLink requests approval to initiate a Negotiated Settlement Process on all aspects of its GTA and the KainaiLink and PiikaniLink GTAs. AltaLink submits that including a negotiated settlement process in the proceeding schedule is consistent with the

Commission's efforts to reduce regulatory burden and improve the efficiency of the regulatory approval process.

In discussions with customers, AltaLink also proposed convening a technical session on AltaLink's cyber and asset security programs. Given the considerable risks posed by bad actors and the complicated and confidential nature of AltaLink's programs to combat these risks, AltaLink requests that the Commission include in the process schedule a confidential technical session to allow for an efficient exchange of relevant information between AltaLink and the Commission/interveners on this important topic. Specifically, a confidential technical session will allow the Commission, Commission staff and Interveners to ask questions of AltaLink and its experts to gain a more comprehensive understanding of the threats and risks to the Alberta Interconnected Electric System and AltaLink's Test Period programs designed to address those risks. Current and emerging threats to AltaLink's transmission infrastructure, if not properly addressed, could lead to devastating impacts for Alberta and its economy.

Further, AltaLink requests a technical session for salvage to provide an opportunity for the Commission, Commission staff and Interveners to explore and better understand the issue in a free-flowing and open manner. AltaLink anticipates much can be accomplished in a technical session with the hopes that salvage issues are minimized in the proceeding.

AltaLink submits that a more complete exchange of information through the proposed technical sessions will benefit both the Commission and interveners, will markedly improve the probability of AltaLink and interveners reaching a negotiated settlement of the GTAs, and will ultimately result in a more efficient regulatory approval process.

The proposed schedule reflects AltaLink's request that the Commission issue its decision on the GTAs no later than December 31, 2023 to provide certainty on rates prior to the commencement of the Test Period.

If you have any questions or require additional information regarding the Application, please contact the undersigned at (403) 267-3450.

Communications in respect of the GTAs should be sent to:

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Sincerely,

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Attachments.