

PRAIRIE OPINION

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Letter

Negative impacts arrive for residents courtesy AltaLink

EDITOR:

Re: AltaLink hosting open houses in Coaldale, Stirling and Foremost on Etzikom Coulee project (Dec. 6, 7 and 9th respectively)

I read with interest an article wherein Hudson Foley of AltaLink suggested to readers AltaLink seriously considers residential and environmental impacts of overhead high voltage power lines.

Mr. Foley told residents near the proposed Heartland power line between Edmonton and Sherwood Park that AltaLink had considered environmental and residential impacts. They in fact did not seriously consider either.

AltaLink's preferred Heartland route will directly affect over 15 times as many people as their alternative route (15,582 vs. 1,026). AltaLink totally ignored published environmental data available for their preferred route.

If your readers are interested in the facts about all the negative impacts of overhead high voltage power lines and how to eliminate these impacts, see Responsible Electricity Transmission for Albertans at www.RETA.ca.

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