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Mr. Dave Burkhart
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Dear Mr. Burkhart:

Thank you for your letter of November 8, 2005 regarding the AltaLink power line at Lois Hole Centennial Provincial Park. I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

I am surprised by your suggestion that AltaLink and the City of St. Albert have abandoned the idea of relocating the power line, which runs along the east side of Lois Hole Centennial Provincial Park, to the same right-of-way as the west regional road. I had understood that AltaLink and the City of St. Albert were investigating this opportunity to relocate the power line and thereby minimize bird deaths and restore the visual integrity of Lois Hole Centennial Provincial Park. I will be checking into this matter.

Thank you once again for bringing this matter to my attention.

Sincerely,

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