



AltaLink Management Ltd.

Time Extension to Construct
AESO Radio Site 9485R

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1 INTRODUCTION

1. On October 13, 2009, the Alberta Utilities Commission (Commission) issued Telecommunication Facilities Permit and Licence No. U2009-341 approving an application by AltaLink Management Ltd. (AltaLink) to construct and operate AESO Radio Site 9485R (the Radio Site) which would establish new telecommunication links between the Radio Site and the Springbank and Big Hill Springs radio stations.
2. On February 5, 2010 AltaLink filed application No. 1605879 pursuant to section 19 of the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act* (the Application) requesting approval by the Commission for an extension of time to complete construction of AESO Radio Site 9485R.
3. AltaLink requested that the deadline be extended from March 31, 2010 to August 31, 2010.
4. AltaLink submitted that it has not started construction of the AESO Radio Site 9485R project due to a delay in delivery of materials required for construction.
5. AltaLink anticipated that construction for the AESO Radio Site 9485R could be completed by May 31, 2010, and requested an extension of the permit and licence expiry date to August 31, 2010 to allow for any unforeseen delays.

2 FINDINGS

6. The Commission notes that Section 19 of the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act* states:
19(1) On an application for an approval, permit or licence under this Part, or for an amendment of an approval, permit or licence, the Commission may grant the approval, permit, licence or amendment subject to any terms and conditions that it prescribes or may deny the application.
7. The Commission notes that paragraph 5 of U2009-341 provides the following:
5. The completion date for the Project shall be on or before March 31, 2010. However, upon application by the Operator, the Commission may stipulate a later date for completing the Project.
8. The Commission finds that the reasons AltaLink provided for an extension of time to be reasonable in the circumstances and is satisfied that granting an extension of time as requested by AltaLink to be necessary and in the public interest.

3 DECISION

9. Pursuant to section 19 of the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act*, the Commission approves the Application and grants the requested time extension as set out in Appendix 1 – Telecommunication Facilities Permit and Licence No. U2010-94 (the Appendix will be distributed separately).

Dated on February 26, 2010.

ALBERTA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Commissioner