

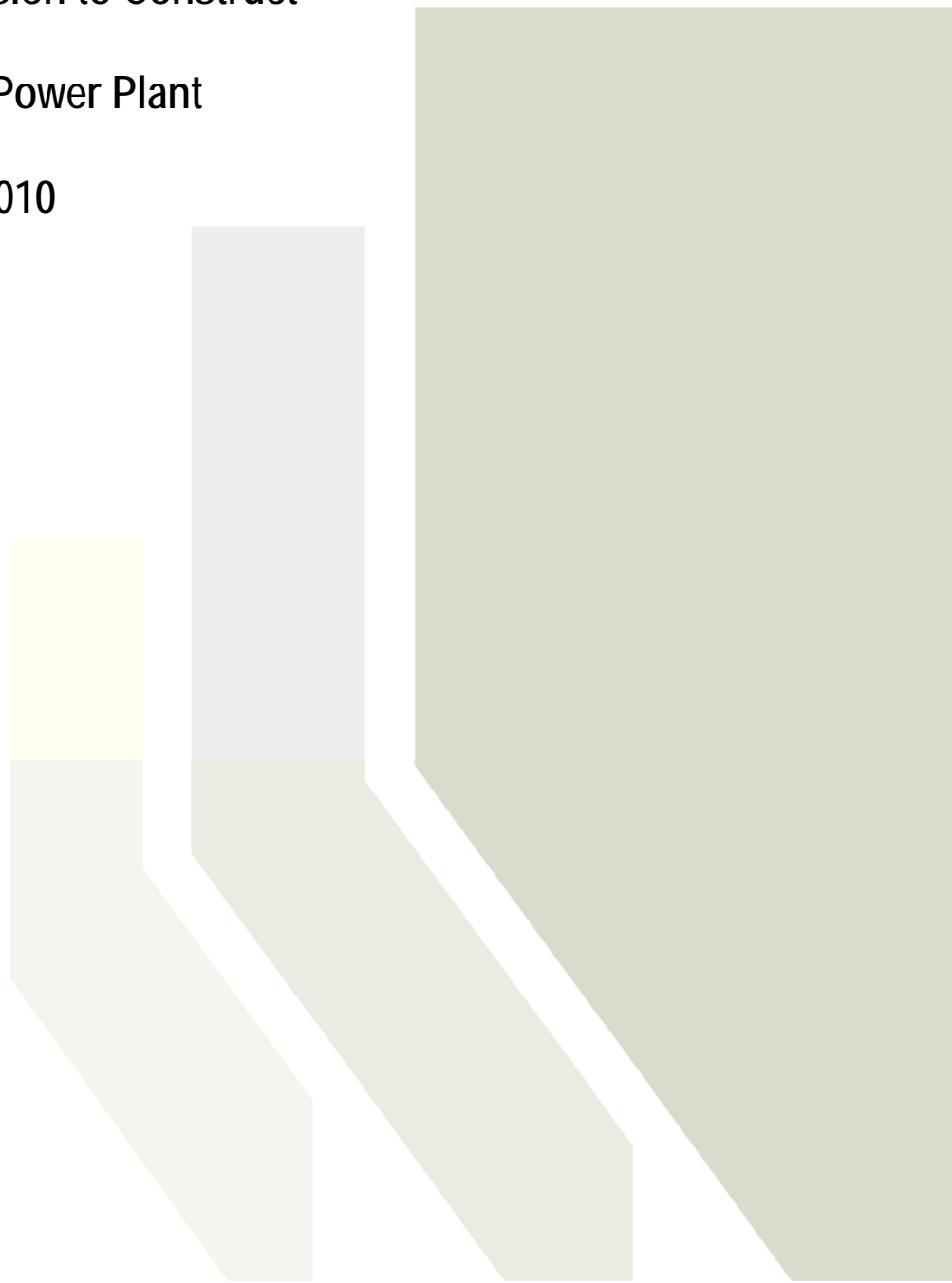


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1 INTRODUCTION

1. NRGreen Power Ltd. (NRGreen) is the holder of Power Plant Approval No. U2008-159, dated May 22, 2008, to construct and operate an 8.0-MW waste-heat, electrical generating unit (Power Plant) at Alliance Pipeline's Irma mainline compressor station, located approximately 13.5 kilometres (km) North of the Town of Irma, Alberta.

2. NRGreen filed an application with the Alberta Utilities Commission (Commission) on February 18, 2010, requesting an extension of time to complete construction of the Power Plant, pursuant to section 19 of the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act*. The application was registered as Application No. 1605912, Proceeding ID. 508 (Application).

3. NRGreen requested that the deadline for completion of the construction of the Power Plant be extended from March 31, 2010 to September 30, 2011.

4. NRGreen submitted that it has not started construction of the Power Plant due to prevailing adverse economic and commercial conditions, but intends to start construction once these conditions improve.

5. In addition, in its Application NRGreen included a letter from Alberta Environment dated November 20, 2009, extending its construction commencement authorization granted under the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* to December 1, 2010.

2 FINDINGS

6. 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 Clause 4 of Power Plant Approval No. U2008-159 sets out the following:

4. Unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, construction of the Power Plant shall be completed by March 31, 2010.

8. The Commission considers that as the application is for an extension of time, the application will not result in any adverse impact has on persons near the proposed Power Plant or the environment.

9. The Commission finds the reasons provided by NRGreen for a time extension are reasonable and it is in the public interest to grant the request for a time extension to construct and operate the Power Plant.

3 DECISION

10. Pursuant to section 19 of the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act*, the Commission approves the Application and grants a time extension to December 31, 2011, as set out in Appendix 1 – Power Plant Approval No. U2010-114 – March 10, 2010 (the Appendix will be distributed separately).

Dated March 10, 2010.

ALBERTA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Thomas McGee
Commissioner