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1 INTRODUCTION

1. On August 5, 2009, the Alberta Utilities Commission (Commission) issued Permit and Licence No. U2009-296 to AltaLink Management Ltd. (AltaLink) for approval to construct a 144-kV transmission line designated as 696L (Transmission Line). The Commission also issued Permit and Licence No. U2009-299 to AltaLink for approval to construct a substation designated as Lakesend 508S substation (Substation).
2. On March 5, 2010, AltaLink filed Application No. 1605963 (the Application) with the Commission requesting an extension of time to complete the construction of the Transmission Line and the Substation.
3. AltaLink requested an extension of time from March 31, 2010, to July 31, 2010.
4. AltaLink submitted that completion of the alteration has been delayed due to delays in obtaining easements for the Transmission Line and associated construction.

2 FINDINGS

5. Section 14 of the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act* states:

Permit

- 14** (1) No person shall construct a transmission line or any part of a transmission line unless the person is the holder of a permit issued by the Commission.
- (2) No person shall make a significant extension or alteration of a transmission line unless the Commission has amended the person's permit or issued a new permit to cover the extension or alteration.
- (3) Repealed 2007 cA-37.2 s82(14).
- (4) This section does not preclude a person proposing to apply for a permit or the person's agents from
- (a) entering on any Crown or other land lying in the intended route of the transmission line to make surveys or examinations, or
 - (b) negotiating for the acquisition of interests in land that may be required for the transmission line.

6. Section 15 of the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act* states:
Licence
15 No person shall operate a transmission line unless the person is the holder of a subsisting licence to operate the transmission line, issued by the Commission.
7. The Commission notes that Clause 5 of the Permit and Licence No. U2009-296 sets out the following:
the Operator shall satisfy the Commission by March 31, 2010 that the Transmission Line has been completed. However, upon application by the Operator, the Commission may stipulate a later date for completing the Transmission Line.
8. Similarly, Clause 4 of Permit and Licence No. U2009-299 sets out the following:
the completion date for the Substation shall be on or before March 31, 2010. However, upon application by the Operator, the Commission may stipulate a later date for completing the Substation.
9. The Commission considers that the requested extension will not result in any adverse impacts on the environment or the public.
10. The Commission finds the reasons AltaLink provided for a time extension are reasonable under the circumstances, and grants the request for a time extension to complete the construction of the Transmission Line and the Substation.

3 DECISION

11. Therefore, pursuant to sections 14 and 15 of the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act*, the Commission approves Application No. 1605963 and grants the requested time extension as set out in the Appendices: Transmission Line – Permit and Licence No. U2010-124 – March 18, 2010 and Substation – Permit and Licence No. U2010-125 – March 18, 2010 to AltaLink Management Ltd. to construct the Transmission Line and the Substation (the Appendices will be distributed separately).

Dated March 18, 2010.

ALBERTA UTILITIES COMMISSION

(original signed by)

N. Allen Maydonik, Q.C.
Commissioner