

Notice of Hearing Cancellation

Proceeding ID 271
North-Central Transmission System Development
High Prairie, Swan Hills and Slave Lake Regions

Application No. 1605266
Alberta Electric System Operator
Needs Identification Document Application

Application No. 1605438
ATCO Electric Ltd.
Upgrade Fieldgate 824S Substation

The Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC or the Commission) is a quasi-judicial regulatory body responsible for making decisions about utility-related applications, such as building transmission lines, substations and power plants. The AUC is also responsible for making decisions about the need for transmission system development, including the need for new or rebuilt transmission lines and facilities.

The Alberta Electric System Operator filed a needs identification document (the needs application) with the Commission requesting approval of the need for new transmission development throughout north-central Alberta. The AESO has determined the development is needed due to load growth in the area as well as aging transmission system components that require rebuilding and/or replacement.

ATCO Electric Ltd. filed a facility application with the Commission to meet one part of the need identified in the above-mentioned needs application by proposing to install two new 25- kilovolt circuit breakers at the Fieldgate 824S substation in the Swan Hills area.

The Commission issued a notice of hearing for the above-mentioned applications on November 18, 2009 and pre-scheduled a hearing for March 23, 2010 in High Prairie, Alberta. As no objections to the applications were received by the intervention deadline of January 8, 2010, and because the Commission is satisfied that a public hearing is not required to complete the record on either application, the Commission has cancelled the scheduled hearing. The Commission shall continue to review the applications and will issue its decisions in due course.

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ALBERTA UTILITIES COMMISSION
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