

Alberta Utilities Commission
Heartland Transmission Project Application
Application No. 1606609 Proceeding ID No. 457
Process Meeting, November 2, 2010

>> Purpose of the process meeting:

The purpose of this meeting is to gather the following information from people interested in participating in a public hearing on the Heartland application:

- Who you are and where you live in relation to the proposed routes;
- How you intend to participate in the hearing;
 1. Written submission only – these can be filed at any time prior to the end of the public hearing.
 2. Informal oral submission – you may file a short letter stating your intention to make a brief presentation to the Commission and a preferred location (Sherwood Park, Morinville, Fort Saskatchewan, Bon Accord, South Edmonton or Spruce Grove) for your presentation. This will be due on the same date as intervener evidence required for the formal public hearing. The Commission will then set the time and dates for the informal sessions.
 3. Formal participation in the hearing - may include appearing as a witness who will be subject to cross examinations, the presentation of expert evidence, cross-examination of other parties and/or oral argument.
- Your issues and what evidence you would like to present in support; and
- Your preference for the location of the hearing and feedback on the preliminary process schedule described in the notice of application and provided on the back of this sheet.

The Commission will use this information to establish a fair and efficient hearing process that will address all relevant issues and allow interested parties the right to participate fairly in the process.

The process meeting is not an information session. The Commission has set up a refreshment room, and information centre, in separate rooms across the hall from the process meeting for those who wish to obtain information about the opportunities for involvement in the Heartland public hearing process or the process meeting.

>> Process meeting participation options:

Option 1: You can make a brief oral appearance when your name is called in the order shown on the attached list of registered parties. The attached appearance submission form will help you organize your presentation.

Option 2: You can fill out the appearance submission form and leave it with AUC staff.

We will not be discussing the merits of the Heartland application at this meeting. The merits of the application will be considered at the public hearing we believe will commence in April of 2011.

Presentations should not address the issue of need for the proposed Heartland Transmission Project. As a result of recent changes to legislation that applies to the Commission, the need for the Heartland project has already been established as a matter of law and the Commission cannot consider need when making a decision on this application. Legislation stipulates that this critical infrastructure project is required to meet the needs of Albertans and is in the public interest.

>> Rules of participation in the process meeting:

The Commission has set the following simple rules of participation to ensure everyone has the opportunity to participate and be heard without interruptions:

- The maximum time allowed for each appearance is 10 minutes;
- Appearance times cannot be shared or consolidated (i.e. you cannot give your 10 minutes to someone else);
- Be respectful of all presenters;
- Interruptions or other distractions cannot be tolerated;
- Please turn off cell phones;
- No recording devices are allowed in the process meeting room. Media interviews must be arranged and conducted outside of the process meeting; and
- This is a formal court-like proceeding and the same rules of court conduct apply.

>> Preliminary process schedule:

Date	Process step
October 25 & 26, 2010	AUC information sessions
November 2, 2010	Process meeting
November 8, 2010	Information requests from the AUC to applicants
November 2010	Process meeting decision report issued
November 23, 2010	Intervener information requests to applicant
December 15, 2010	Applicant information request responses
January 2011	Notice of hearing issued
February 18, 2011	Intervener evidence due
February 25, 2011	Information requests to interveners
March 11, 2011	Intervener information request responses
March 25, 2011	Reply evidence
April 11, 2011	Public hearing
May 9, 2011	Oral argument