

Notice

Application by FortisAlberta Inc. for approval of orders confirming boundaries in exclusive municipal franchise areas has been received

Proceeding 22164
Application 22164-A001
FortisAlberta Inc.

The Alberta Utilities Commission, the independent utilities regulator, will be considering an application by FortisAlberta Inc. (FortisAlberta) for confirmation of its boundaries in a number of municipal franchise areas in Proceeding 22164. If you believe that you may be affected by this application, you can provide input to the AUC to review before it makes its decision.

Nature of the application

FortisAlberta has filed an application requesting confirmation of the boundaries of its exclusive service areas as determined by municipal franchise agreements entered into between FortisAlberta and certain Alberta municipalities for the exclusive provision of electric distribution service; alteration of certain Rural Electrification Association (REA) service area boundaries, as required, to prevent incursion into service areas governed by the subject municipal franchise agreements; and transfers of facilities and customers coincident to the realignment of service areas, as required. A list of potentially impacted municipalities and REAs, in addition to the legal land description of the location of existing facilities that could be impacted, is attached as Appendix A. For further details on the specific service areas and boundaries, refer to appendices E-01 to E-83 of the filed application.¹

The Commission also issued a direction to the REAs which currently serve specific customers who may be impacted by FortisAlberta's application. The direction required these REAs to provide the Commission with certain specific and limited customer information for the purpose of providing the notice of application to these customers. The information the Commission directed the REAs to disclose was only used for the purpose of sending notice of the application to these specific customers who could be directly impacted by the application. The information will be kept confidential by the Commission and will not be put on the public record.

The Commission received all required customer information by January 31, 2017, and mailed the notice to the customers who may be impacted by this application on February 7, 2017. The

¹ Exhibit 22164-X0006, Appendices E-01 to E-31, December 16, 2016; Exhibit 22164-X0005, Appendices E-32 to E-60, December 16, 2016; Exhibit 22164-X0004, Appendices E-61 to E-83, December 16, 2016.

Commission had established an initial deadline for interested parties to file statements of intent to participate by no later than February 28, 2017.

Before the end of the established deadline, the Commission was notified of additional customers or REA members that should have been identified as potentially impacted by this application and that should have received notice. The Commission issued correspondence on February 27, 2017, extending the deadline to file statements of intent to participate.

The Commission received all the additional identified customer information by March 13, 2017, and mailed notice to the additional customers/members that the Commission determined may be impacted by the application the same day. In order to give these additional customers/members adequate time to review the application and determine participation, the Commission will extend the deadline to file statements of intent to participate to **4 p.m. on March 28, 2017**.

If you have any questions about the application and review process, intervener funding and what has been applied for, please contact Kevin Thompson at 403-592-4496 or by email at kevin.thompson@auc.ab.ca, or Maria Baitoiu at 403-592-4490 or by email at maria.baitoiu@auc.ab.ca.

Copy of the application

The application, and any associated documents being reviewed, are publicly available on the AUC website. Alternatively, you may contact FortisAlberta's representative, Judy Croteau, at 403-514-4131 or by email at judy.croteau@fortisalberta.com for further details about what is being applied for, or for a copy of the application.

Submissions

To register your concerns, or your support for the application, please visit the AUC website and log in to the eFiling System to file your submission for Proceeding 22164. If required, the submission can be filed with the AUC at:

Email: info@auc.ab.ca

Subject: Application 22164-A001 – Statement of intent to participate

Those who do not have access to the Internet can send a submission by mail or fax, and the AUC will upload the submission on your behalf. Please send your name, address, phone number, legal land location, describe your interest in the land, your business, or your activities which may be affected. Please briefly describe the issues you would like the AUC to consider when making its decision.

Paper copies can be sent to:

Alberta Utilities Commission
Attention: Fino Tiberi – Executive Director, Market Oversight and Enforcement
Fifth Avenue Place, Fourth Floor, 425 First Street S.W.
Calgary, Alberta T2P 3L8

Alternatively, paper copies can be faxed to:

Fax: 403-592-4485

Privacy

To support an open and transparent process, information you send to the AUC will be publicly available through the AUC's eFiling System. If there is confidential information you would like to file, a request must be made in advance of filing your submission.

Issued on March 13, 2017.

Alberta Utilities Commission
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