

March 17, 2017

Decision 22468-D01-2017

Alberta PowerLine L.P. 10035 – 105 Street Edmonton, Alberta T5J 2V6

Attention: Scott Merrifield

Project Manager

Minor Alteration to Transmission Line 12L41 Proceeding 22468 Application 22468-A001

Letter of enquiry approval

- 1. Alberta PowerLine L.P. (Alberta PowerLine) filed a letter of enquiry application with the Alberta Utilities Commission on March 10, 2017, for approval to alter the approved route of Transmission Line 12L41 (the alteration).
- 2. The proposed alteration is in relation to facilities under construction in accordance with approval granted in Permit and Licence 21030-D03-2017. Approval is required for this work under Section 11 of the *Hydro and Electric Energy Regulation*.
- 3. Alberta PowerLine identified a potential conflict between the Transmission Line 12L41 structure at node W99, approximately 70 metres south of Township Road 590, and a low pressure gas line. In order to avoid a direct conflict, Alberta PowerLine proposed to shift the deflection structure at node W99 approximately 35 metres south. Alberta PowerLine stated the alteration would require a minor adjustment to the approved transmission centre line alignment and indicated no technical changes were required for the deflection structure. Alberta PowerLine also updated the locations of the proposed right-of-way and temporary workspace areas.²
- 4. Alberta PowerLine consulted all directly affected stakeholders and notified stakeholders within 800 metres of the alteration. Alberta PowerLine stated there were no outstanding objections regarding the change to the structure location. Alberta PowerLine also indicated it did not foresee any significant environmental impacts and that there were no cost differences between the alteration and the original application.

Transmission Line Permit and Licence 21030-D03-2017, Proceeding 21030, Application 21030-A001, February 21, 2017.

² Exhibit 22468-X0003, Fort McMurray West 500 kV Transmission Project Facility Detail Map.

- 5. Alberta PowerLine has provided information respecting the need, nature, extent, land affected, land ownership and the timing of the work, in accordance with the requirements of Section 12 of the *Hydro and Electric Energy Regulation*. Alberta PowerLine has also stated that no adverse environmental impact will be caused by the proposed work.
- 6. Based upon the information provided, Alberta PowerLine has demonstrated that the alteration is of a minor nature, no other person is directly and adversely affected by the alteration and there will be no adverse environmental impact, thereby meeting the requirements of Section 11 of the *Hydro and Electric Energy Regulation*.
- 7. The Commission approves the application. No amendment is required to the permit and licence.

Alberta Utilities Commission

(original signed by)

Wade Vienneau
Executive Director, Facilities Division
On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission