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Time Extension**

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1 Decision summary

1. In this decision, the Alberta Utilities Commission must decide whether to approve an application from NAT-3 GP Inc., on behalf of NAT-3 Limited Partnership, for a time extension to complete the construction of a 20-megawatt natural gas-fuelled power plant designated as the Jenner 20-megawatt Power Plant in the Jenner area. After consideration of the record of the proceeding, and for the reasons outlined in this decision, the Commission finds that approval of the time extension is in the public interest having regard to the social, economic, and other effects of the project, including its effect on the environment.

2 Introduction and background

2. NAT-3 GP Inc. (NAT-3), pursuant to Approval 21873-D02-2016,¹ has approval to construct and operate a 20-megawatt (MW) natural gas-fuelled power plant in the Jenner area. The power plant shall consist of ten 2-MW natural gas-fuelled synchronous generators with a total generating capability of 20 MW.

3. NAT-3, by Application 22881-A001, registered with the Commission on August 16, 2017, requested approval of a time extension from September 1, 2017, to September 1, 2019, in order to complete construction of the power plant.

3 Discussion

4. On June 9, 2017, NAT-3 submitted a construction progress report. It stated that its decision to delay the construction of the power plant was due to “weak power market conditions, the uncertainty of the upcoming capacity market and the undefined *Carbon Competitiveness Regulation* set to roll out in 2018”.²

5. NAT-3 stated that it has not completed a participant involvement program for this time extension and that it is relying on its participant involvement program completed in the original application. NAT-3 stated that it provides periodic updates regarding the project to those parties contacted as part of the initial participant involvement program and that it has not received any concerns by any party with regard to the project.

6. The Commission issued information requests to NAT-3 on August 29, 2017, and received responses on September 21, 2017. In its responses, NAT-3 confirmed that there have been no changes to the number or proximity of dwellings in the vicinity of the project. NAT-3 also

¹ Power Plant Approval 21873-D02-2016, Proceeding 21873, Application 21873-A001, November 8, 2016.

² Proceeding 21873.

confirmed that there are no new energy-related facilities or new noise sources approved in the vicinity of the project that would affect its compliance with Rule 012: *Noise Control*.

4 Findings

7. NAT-3 has provided information on the need, nature and duration of the requested time extension. Based upon this information, the Commission finds that NAT-3 has demonstrated that the requested time extension is of a minor nature.

8. Due to the minor nature of the application, and that no concerns arose from NAT-3's updates to parties in the original participant involvement program, a notice of application was not issued. The Commission considered that its decision would not directly and adversely affect the rights of a person pursuant to Section 9 of the *Alberta Utilities Commission Act*, consequently, a hearing was not required.

9. Given the considerations discussed above, the Commission considers the application to be in the public interest in accordance with Section 17 of the *Alberta Utilities Commission Act*. The Commission grants approval of a time extension to September 1, 2019, to complete construction of the power plant.

5 Decision

10. Pursuant to sections 11 and 19 of the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act*, the Commission approves the application and grants NAT-3 the approval set out in Appendix 1 – Power Plant Approval 22881-D02-2017 – October 10, 2017, for a time extension from September 1, 2017, to September 1, 2019, to construct the 20-Megawatt Jenner Power Plant.

Dated on October 10, 2017.

Alberta Utilities Commission

(original signed by)

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Commission Member