

Notice

Application to amend the Heritage Wind Energy Centre in the Pincher Creek area has been received

Proceeding 22579 Application 22579-A001

The Alberta Utilities Commission, the independent utilities regulator, will be considering the power plant amendment application in Proceeding 22579. If you feel you may be affected by this application, you can provide input to the AUC to review before it makes its decision.

Heritage Wind, LP, on behalf of NextEra Canada Development & Acquisitions, Inc. has applied, under the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act*, to amend its approval to construct and operate a power plant previously called the Heritage Wind Farm Power Plant and approved on June 2, 2011. The deadline to complete construction of this power plant has been extended multiple times. An additional extension request is currently before the Commission in Proceeding 22579 for which a notice of application was issued on June 9, 2017. The power plant approval was for the construction of 97 three-megawatt (MW) wind turbines with a total generating capability of 291 MW. The amendment application is for a 102-MW Heritage Wind Energy Centre located approximately 12 kilometres northeast of Pincher Creek. The proposed project would consist of 28 3.63-MW turbines with a hub height of 110 metres and a rotor diameter of 137 metres. Currently, 32 turbine locations for the proposed 28 turbines are being considered.

The 28 wind turbines are proposed to be located within the Municipal District of Pincher Creek in the following locations (see attached map):

| Sections | Township | Range | Meridian |
|------------------------------------|----------|-------|----------|
| 1, 5, 8, 10, 11 | 8 | 29 | W4M |
| 13, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 32, 36 | 7 | 29 | W4M |
| 18, 19, 20, 21 | 7 | 28 | W4M |

A 34.5-kilovolt gathering system consisting of underground power lines for the purpose of collecting and sending the electric power from each wind turbine to a substation and located where the wind power plant would be connected to the Alberta Interconnected Electric System will also be required. However, the substation and other facilities required for the interconnection to the Alberta Interconnected Electric System will be the subject of separate applications.

Additional information about the application

For full application details visit the AUC website, log on to the eFiling System, enter the proceeding number and select go.

Written submissions are due May 31, 2018.

If you wish to participate in this proceeding, you may be eligible for funding to support your position, which includes costs for legal representation and expert witnesses. To learn more about the application and review process, intervener funding and what has been applied for please attend the information session or contact:

Taylor McCusker at 403-592-4370 or email your questions to taylor.mccusker@auc.ab.ca.

Information session

The AUC will be holding an information session to provide you with information about how you may become involved in this proceeding and the funding which may be available to you. The project and its merits will not be discussed at this meeting:

Ramada by Wyndham Pincher Creek
1132 Table Mountain Street, Pincher Creek, Alberta
Thursday, May 24, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Technical meeting

The area for this project overlaps with two other wind projects, the Windy Point Wind Park and the Welsch Wind Power Plant, which the Commission has recently received amendment applications for. All three projects were previously approved and now propose significant amendments. As a result, the Commission has scheduled a technical meeting on Tuesday, May 29, 2018 in Calgary, to establish a process for the review and consideration of the three amended wind power projects that is fair and effective for all parties. Additional details of this technical meeting are provided in a separate notice that may be viewed in Proceeding 22579 of the eFiling System available on the AUC website. The Commission will not be considering the merits of any of the applications at the technical meeting.

Participant information

If you cannot attend the information session, you may review our website or contact our Consumer Relations group for more information about your opportunities for involvement, assistance with your submission, and the funding options which may be available to you under Rule 009: *Rules on Local Intervener Funding*. They can be contacted at 780-427-4903 or by email at consumer-relations@auc.ab.ca.

The application, and any associated documents being reviewed, are publicly available on our website. For further details about what is being applied for, or for a copy of the application, please contact the applicant:

NextEra Canada Development & Acquisitions, Inc.
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Submissions

To register your concerns, or your support for the proposed project, please visit the AUC website and log in to the eFiling System to file your submission for Proceeding 22579. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact us at 780-427-4903 for other options for submitting your concerns and participating in this proceeding. If no written submissions are received, the Commission may make its decision without further notice or process.

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, description of your land in relation to the proposed development and 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.

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 May 3, 2018.

Alberta Utilities Commission
Douglas A. Larder, QC, General Counsel

