

January 11, 2018

**Alberta Electric System Operator
Northwest of Fort McMurray 240-kV Transmission System Development Amendment
Proceeding 23149
Application 23149-A001**

Change of submission deadline for the notice of application

1. On January 8, 2018, the Alberta Utilities Commission issued a notice of application for Proceeding 23149 regarding the Alberta Electric System Operator's application for amendments to the 240-kilovolt transmission system development needs identification document in the area northwest of Fort McMurray. The written submission deadline on the notice of application was stated as January 26, 2018.
2. The Commission wishes to inform you that it has changed the submission deadline to **February 2, 2018**, to ensure recipients of the notice have adequate time to respond. Enclosed is a copy of the revised notice of application.

Sincerely yours,

Victor Choy, P.Eng.
Engineer
Facilities Division

Enclosure

Notice

Application for amendments to the 240-kV Transmission System Development in Area Northwest of Fort McMurray Needs Identification Document has been received

Proceeding 23149 Application 23149-A001

The Alberta Utilities Commission, the independent utilities regulator, will be considering the need for electric transmission system amendment in Proceeding 23149. If you feel you may be affected by this application you can provide input to the AUC to review before it makes its decision.

The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO), under the *Electric Utilities Act*, has applied to cancel the unconstructed components in the 240-kV Transmission System Development in Area Northwest of Fort McMurray Needs Identification Document (see figure below). The components were previously approved to meet the demand of new oilsands development. However, since the Needs Identification Document (NID) was approved, the forecast load in the area has significantly reduced and there is no longer an immediate need to construct the remaining components. The AESO stated that the only constructed component from the NID is the Birchwood Creek 960S Substation.

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 submission are due February 2, 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 review the information session on our website found under Involving Albertans or contact: Victor Choy at 403-592-4439 or email your questions to victor.choy@auc.ab.ca.

Participant information

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. Alternatively, you may contact the AESO's representative, Amir Motamedi, at 403-539-2895 or at amir.motamedi@aeso.ca for further details about what is being applied for, or for a copy of the application.

For further details about the application, please contact the:

Alberta Electric System Operator

Amir Motamedi

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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 electronic filing system to file your submission for Proceeding 23149. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact us at 780-427-4903 for other options to submit your concerns and participate 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.

The AUC must consider the AESO's assessment of need to be correct unless someone satisfies the Commission that the need application is technically deficient, or that to approve it would be contrary to the public interest.

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 January 11, 2018.

Alberta Utilities Commission

Douglas A. Larder, QC, General Counsel

