

Notice of hearing

West Edmonton Transmission Upgrade Project

The Alberta Electric System Operator and EPCOR Distribution & Transmission Inc. have filed applications for electric transmission development in the city of Edmonton

Proceeding 23943
Applications 23943-A001 to 23943-A006

The Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC), the independent utilities regulator, will be holding a hearing to review the applications and submissions received to consider the electric transmission development applications in Proceeding 23943.

Written evidence is due August 29, 2019.

The Alberta Electric System Operator has applied under the *Electric Utilities Act* for approval of the need to construct transmission developments to reliably serve growing demand for electricity in the west Edmonton area.

EPCOR Distribution & Transmission Inc. has applied, in separate applications under the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act*, to construct facilities to meet the need identified by the Alberta Electric System Operator. EPCOR Distribution & Transmission Inc. has requested approval to:

- Construct and operate a new approximately 11-kilometre long, 72-kilovolt transmission line between the existing Poundmaker and Meadowlark substations, to be designated as Transmission Line 72PM25. EPCOR Distribution & Transmission Inc. applied with a preferred route and an alternate route for the proposed transmission line.
- Construct and operate a new fibre optic line between the existing Poundmaker and Meadowlark substations, to be designated as FO-133, using the proposed Transmission Line 72PM25 structures for the majority of its route.
- Alter and operate the existing Poundmaker, Meadowlark and Garneau substations, by expanding the fenced areas and adding new equipment.

The Poundmaker Substation is located at 18944 105 Avenue N.W., Edmonton, the Meadowlark Substation is located at 15404 84 Avenue N.W., Edmonton and the Garneau Substation is located at 11117 85 Avenue N.W., Edmonton.

The locations of the proposed transmission line routes and the substations are shown in the attached maps. The Commission may approve the preferred route or the alternate route.

Additional information about the applications

The applications and any associated documents are publicly available and can be accessed from the eFiling System on the AUC website www.auc.ab.ca. In addition, basic information about the West Edmonton Transmission Upgrade Project can be found on the AUC website under “Projects - Featured project summaries.” Alternatively, for more information about what is being applied for, or for a copy of the applications, please contact:

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Hearing

Edmonton Inn & Conference Centre
11834 Kingsway Avenue
Edmonton, Alta. T5G 3J5
Monday, November 4, 2019, at 9 a.m.

If you intend to present written evidence at the hearing, you must be present at the commencement of the hearing and submit written evidence by August 29, 2019.

For more information about participating in this proceeding contact:

Trevor Richards at 403-592-4469 or email your questions to trevor.richards@auc.ab.ca.

Participant information

For more information about how you may become involved in this proceeding, please contact us or visit our website and review the information under “Have your say” or under “Review process.”

Submissions

If you wish to participate in this proceeding, please visit our website and log in to the eFiling System, go to Proceeding 23943, and register to participate under the “registered parties” tab. Alternatively, please contact us at 310-4AUC or info@auc.ab.ca for more information or assistance with filing your submission.

Submissions must include your name, address, phone number, legal land location, description of your land in relation to the proposed development, and a description of your interest in the land or your business or activities which may be affected by the proposed project. Please also briefly describe the issues you would like the AUC to consider when making its decision.

The AUC must consider the Alberta Electric System Operator’s assessment of the need to be correct unless someone satisfies the Commission that the needs 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 to anyone registered in this proceeding. If there is confidential information you would like to file, a request must be made in advance of filing your submission.

Participating in the hearing

If you intend to present written evidence at the hearing, you must be present at the commencement of the hearing and submit written evidence by August 29, 2019.

Your written evidence should include your statement about your intended level of participation. Please also state whether you or your representative will:

- File supporting evidence.
- Attend the hearing.
- Cross-examine any of the applicant's witness panels.

Written evidence can be reports prepared by experts or written information (including maps, charts, photographs and narrative statements) prepared by an intervener personally, and clearly identified as such. Any report that was prepared by an expert, and which is being filed in support of an intervener's position, must clearly state the qualifications of the expert and the name of the intervener who directed that the report was to be prepared. Please be aware that the author of any report or other written evidence that an intervener expects the Commission to rely upon must be available to be cross-examined at the hearing.

Summarized process schedule

The Commission has established the following process to consider the applications:

Process step	Date
Applicants' deadline to respond to information requests	August 8, 2019*
Interveners' written evidence deadline	August 29, 2019
Information requests to interveners deadline	September 12, 2019
Interveners' deadline to respond to information requests	September 30, 2019
Applicants' reply evidence deadline	October 16, 2019
Commencement of hearing	November 4, 2019, 9 a.m.

*The Commission had previously communicated this date as August 1, 2019, and is extending this deadline by one week.

Issued on July 24, 2019.

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



