



BowArk Energy Ltd.

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and McGregor Lake 200S Substation Cancellation**

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1 Introduction and background

1. Pursuant to Approval 23548-D02-2018¹ and Permit and Licence 23548-D03-2018,² BowArk Energy Ltd. has approval to construct and operate the 94-megawatt Queenstown Power Plant and the McGregor Lake 200S Substation (collectively, the project), in the Queenstown area in accordance with sections 11, 14, 15 and 19 of the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act*.

2. On July 4, 2019, BowArk filed a construction progress report with the Alberta Utilities Commission in Proceeding 23548, providing notice that the project will not be proceeding to construction and is cancelled, as BowArk has been unsuccessful in securing financing due to electricity market uncertainty. On August 8, 2019, an application was created to rescind the approval and permit and licence for the power plant and substation. The application was registered as Application 24750-A002 in Proceeding 24750.

3. In response to an information request, BowArk confirmed that the Alberta Electric System Operator and AltaLink Management Ltd. have been notified of the project cancellation. BowArk committed to notifying stakeholders included in the participant involvement program in Proceeding 23548 of the project cancellation.³

2 Findings

4. As per Appendix A1 of Rule 007: *Applications for Power Plants, Substations, Transmission Lines, Industrial System Designations and Hydro Developments*, stakeholders included in a participant involvement program must be notified of a project cancellation. The Commission expects BowArk to provide such notification for the project as per its commitment.

5. The Commission finds that BowArk notified, or will notify all potentially impacted stakeholders of the project's cancellation and is satisfied that no stakeholders would be directly and adversely affected by the project's cancellation. The Commission accepts that, because construction had not begun on the project, there are no environmental or land reclamation issues that need to be addressed.

¹ Power Plant Approval 23548-D02-2018, Proceeding 23548, Application 23548-A001, June 27, 2018.

² Substation Permit and Licence 23548-D03-2018, Proceeding 23548, Application 23548-A002, June 27, 2018.

³ Exhibit 24750-X0006, IR Response.

3 Decision

6. Pursuant to Section 10 of the *Alberta Utilities Commission Act*, the Commission may review and rescind any decision or order it issues. Based on the information provided, the Commission rescinds Approval 23548-D02-2018, and Permit and Licence 23548-D03-2018.

Dated on August 21, 2019.

Alberta Utilities Commission

(original signed by)

Tracee Collins
Commission Member