



Mobrand Inc.

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Decision 2013-007: Mobrand Inc.

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1 Introduction

1. Howell Mayhew Engineering Inc. on behalf of Mobrand Inc., filed an application with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC or the Commission) requesting an approval to construct and operate a 21-kilowatt (kW) solar power plant in hamlet of Marten Beach, Alberta, and to connect the power plant to the distribution system in the area. The application was filed pursuant to sections 11 and 18 of the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act*. This application was registered on October 28, 2012, as Application No. 1608962.

2. Due to the nature of the application, a notice of application was not issued and, therefore, a hearing was not required as the Commission considered that its decision or order would not directly and adversely affect the rights of a person pursuant to Section 9 of the *Alberta Utilities Commission Act*.

2 Discussion

3. Mobrand Inc. stated that the power plant would consist of 89 roof mounted solar panels that would be connected to ATCO Electric Ltd.'s distribution facilities.

4. Mobrand Inc. conducted a participant involvement program which provided information packages and consulted with stakeholders that could be potentially impacted by the power plant. Mobrand Inc. stated that no parties objected to the power plant.

5. Mobrand Inc. submitted that there would be no material noise generated by the power plant and that no neighbours would be impacted by increased noise.

3 Findings

6. The Commission has reviewed the application and is satisfied that it meets the requirements of AUC Rule 007: *Applications for Power Plants, Substations, Transmission Lines, and Industrial System Designations* (AUC Rule 007). Mobrand Inc. notified and consulted with persons in the vicinity of the proposed power plant. No party objected to the project.

7. Furthermore, the Commission is satisfied that no adverse environmental impacts are expected from the proposed project.

8. The Commission has reviewed the application and has determined that the technical, siting, emissions, environmental and noise aspects of the power plant and connection proposal have been met. Mobrand Inc.'s participant involvement program has been conducted and there are no outstanding public or industry objections or concerns.

9. Based on the foregoing, the Commission considers the project to be in the public interest in accordance with Section 17 of the *Alberta Utilities Commission Act*.

4 Decision

10. Pursuant to Section 11 of the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act*, the Commission approves the application and grants Mobrand Inc. the approval set out in Appendix 1 –Approval No. U2013-19 – January 9, 2013 (Appendix 1 will be distributed separately).

11. Pursuant to Section 18 of the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act*, the Commission approves the application and grants the Mobrand Inc. the connection order set out in Appendix 2 – Order No. U2013-21 – January 9, 2013 (Appendix 2 will be distributed separately).

Dated on January 9, 2013.

The Alberta Utilities Commission

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Commission Member