

Power Plant Approval 22315-D02-2017

Appendix 1 to Decision 22315-D01-2017	January 20, 2017
NextEra Canada Development & Acquisitions, Inc. Ownership Transfer of Heritage Wind Farm	Proceeding 22315 Application 22315-A001

Heritage Wind Farm Development Inc., pursuant to Approval U2014-70,¹ has approval to construct and operate a 291-megawatt (MW) power plant designated as the Heritage Wind Farm, in the Pincher Creek area.

NextEra Canada Development & Acquisitions, Inc. (NextEra), by Application 22315-A001, registered on January 5, 2017, applied to the Alberta Utilities Commission for approval to transfer ownership of the power plant from Heritage Wind Farm Development Inc. to NextEra.

The Commission, pursuant to sections 11 and 19 of the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act*, approved the application in Decision 22315-D01-2017,² and granted to NextEra an approval to construct and operate the power plant, subject to the provisions of *Hydro and Electric Energy Act* and the *Alberta Utilities Commission Act*, any regulations made under the acts, any orders under the acts, the Commission rules made pursuant to the *Alberta Utilities Commission Act*, and the following terms and conditions:

1. The power plant shall be located in the following locations:
 - sections 1, 5, 8 and 10 of Township 8, Range 29, west of the Fourth Meridian
 - sections 13, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 32 and 36 of Township 7, Range 29, west of the Fourth Meridian
 - sections 18, 19, 20 and 21 of Township 7, Range 28, west of the Fourth Meridian
2. The power plant shall consist of 97 wind turbines, each rated at 3 MW, with a total generating capability of 291 MW, and as more particularly described in Application 1480111. Each wind turbine supporting structure shall be installed with its centre at the longitude and latitude coordinates specified in Application 1480111. If the supporting structure of any wind turbine has to be located more than 50 metres from the specified coordinates, NextEra must apply to the AUC for an amendment to this approval prior to construction.
3. The power plant shall also consist of a 34.5-kilovolt gathering system as described in Application 1480111. The gathering system is used solely for collecting the electric energy

¹ Power Plant Approval U2014-70, Proceeding 3065, Application 1610307, February 21, 2014.

² Decision 22315-D01-2017: NextEra Canada Development and Acquisitions Inc. – Ownership Transfer of Heritage Wind Farm, Proceeding 22315, Application 22315-A001, January 20, 2017.

generated by each turbine and transmitting that electric energy to the power plant's substation.

4. NextEra shall submit a progress report to the Commission in writing, once every six months, on construction progress pursuant to Section 3 of the *Hydro and Electric Energy Regulation*. The first progress report shall be filed with the Commission three months from the date of issuance of this approval.
5. Unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, construction of the power plant shall be completed by December 31, 2017.
6. NextEra shall notify the Commission within 30 days of completing the power plant.
7. NextEra shall conduct a post-construction monitoring program in accordance with the recommendations of Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) and file with the Commission the results from its post-construction monitoring program as reported to AEP, as well as any correspondence from AEP commenting on, or in response to those results and reports.
8. Within one year of connecting to the Alberta Interconnected Electric System and becoming operational, NextEra shall, in accordance with the requirements stipulated in Rule 012: *Noise Control*, conduct a comprehensive sound level survey at the dwellings in Application 1480111 at receptors 3, 4, 6, 7, 13, 21, 26, 28, 32, 33, 36, 38, 39, 40 and 42, and submit a report of the survey to the Commission.
9. NextEra shall obtain Commission approval prior to making any substantive changes to the power plant or substantially varying the design or specifications of the power plant from what was stated in the application or what the Commission has approved.
10. This approval is not transferable unless approved by the Commission.
11. This approval comes into effect on the closing date of the sale transaction, proposed to be on or about March 31, 2017.

Approval U2014-70 is rescinded, unless the sale transaction is not completed by March 31, 2017, in which case this approval is null and void.

The Commission may cancel or suspend this approval, in whole or in part, in accordance with Section 41 of the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act* or may review this approval, in whole or in part, upon its own motion or upon an application by an interested party, in accordance with Section 10 of the *Alberta Utilities Commission Act*.

Alberta Utilities Commission

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