

January 15, 2020

To: Parties currently registered on Proceeding 25018

**BHE Canada Rattlesnake G.P. Inc.
Rattlesnake Ridge Wind Power Project
Proceeding 25018
Applications 25018-A001 to 25018-A004**

Ruling on standing

1. In this ruling, the Alberta Utilities Commission decides whether to hold an oral public hearing to consider applications by BHE Canada Rattlesnake G.P. Inc. (BHEC) relating to the proposed Rattlesnake Ridge Wind Power Project located in the County of Forty Mile, near Whitla, Alberta (the proposed project).
2. The Commission must hold an oral hearing if persons who have filed a statement of intent to participate in Proceeding 25018 have demonstrated that they have rights that may be “directly and adversely affected” by the Commission’s decision. Such a person may participate fully in the hearing, including giving evidence, questioning of witnesses, and providing argument. This permission to participate is referred to as standing.
3. The Commission issued a notice of applications for Proceeding 25018 on November 19, 2019. The Commission received statements of intent to participate from Dianne Chute and Douglas Zorn, Rodney and Conny Gechter, and Dwayne and Eleanor Gechter.
4. The Commission has authorized me to communicate its decision on standing.

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5. The Commission is satisfied that Dianne Chute and Douglas Zorn, Rodney and Conny Gechter, and Dwayne and Eleanor Gechter have demonstrated that they have legal rights that may be directly and adversely affected by the Commission’s decision on the applications. All of these persons own land in close proximity to the proposed project and have demonstrated that the Commission’s decision on the applications has the potential to directly and adversely affect the rights they have asserted. The potential adverse effects described by these persons include: risk of fires, implications for emergency response, effects on rural roadways, groundwater contamination, effects on the wildlife in the area, reclamation, light pollution, shadow flicker, noise and property value.

6. The Commission, in due course, shall issue a schedule for an oral hearing process. In the interim, the Commission has scheduled the following submission deadlines:

Process step	Date
Interveners' written information requests to the applicant	February 18, 2020
Applicant's written information responses	March 2, 2020

7. Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at 403-592-4439 or by email at victor.choy@auc.ab.ca or the Lead Application Officer at 403-592-4431 or by email at alex.vanhorne@auc.ab.ca.

Yours truly,

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