

January 24, 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 a previous ruling,¹ the Alberta Utilities Commission decided 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 a statement of intent to participate from Ralph Gechter.
4. The Commission has authorized me to communicate its decision on standing.

Ruling

5. The Commission is satisfied that Mr. Gechter has demonstrated that he has legal rights that may be directly and adversely affected by the Commission’s decision on the applications. Mr. Gechter owns land in close proximity to the proposed project and has demonstrated that the Commission’s decision on the applications has the potential to directly and adversely affect the rights he has asserted. The potential effects described by Mr. Gechter include noise, light pollution and effects on wildlife.
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

¹ Exhibit 25018-X0045, AUC Ruling on standing.

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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