

January 27, 2020

To: Parties currently registered on Proceeding 25181

**ATCO Electric Ltd.
Rycroft 730S Substation Expansion
Proceeding 25181
Applications 25181-A001 and 25181-A002**

Ruling on standing

1. In this ruling, the Alberta Utilities Commission decides whether to hold an oral public hearing to consider applications by ATCO Electric Ltd. relating to the expansion of Rycroft 730S Substation located near Rycroft, Alberta.
2. The Commission must hold an oral hearing if persons who have filed a statement of intent to participate in Proceeding 25181 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 witnesses, and providing argument. This permission to participate is referred to as standing.
3. The Commission issued a notice of applications for Proceeding 25181 on December 20, 2019. The Commission received statements of intent to participate from Bryan Woronuk, Dennis Woronuk and Kelly Woronuk.
4. The Commission has authorized me to communicate its decision on standing.

Ruling

5. Dennis Woronuk owns the land adjacent to the existing substation, including the space where ATCO proposes to expand its substation. Bryan Woronuk and Kelly Woronuk lease Dennis Woronuk’s land and farm it, and as such are occupants of the land that is proposed to be used for the substation expansion. The potential effects described by these individuals include the loss of prime food producing land. The interveners also raised issues with the proposed permanent site access to the substation, lack of consultation and noise from the expanded substation. The Commission finds that Dennis, Bryan and Kelly Woronuk have each demonstrated that the Commission’s decision on the application has the potential to result in a direct and adverse effect on them, and they are granted standing in this proceeding.
6. Having been granted standing, Messrs. Dennis, Bryan and Kelly Woronuk are eligible to potentially recover the costs of their participation in this proceeding as they fall within the definition of “local intervener” in Section 22 of the *Alberta Utilities Commission Act*. Rule 009: *Rules on Local Intervener Costs* applies to costs claims for this proceeding. The Commission emphasizes that eligibility to claim costs does not guarantee full recovery of any costs. Any claims for costs must be filed after this proceeding is concluded, in accordance with

Rule 009, and costs recovery is subject to the Commission assessing the parties' contribution to the proceeding. The Commission encourages parties with similar interests and positions to work together to ensure that any expenditures are minimized and costs are not duplicated.

7. The Commission will issue a notice of oral hearing in due course that will include additional details about the hearing, such as the hearing venue. In the interim, the Commission has established the following proceeding schedule:

Schedule	Deadline Date
Intervenors information requests to ATCO	February 24, 2020
ATCO responses to information requests	March 9, 2020
Intervenors' evidence	March 23, 2020
Information requests to intervenors	April 6, 2020
Intervenors responses to information requests	April 20, 2020
ATCO rebuttal evidence	May 11, 2020
Commencement of oral hearing	May 26, 2020

Yours truly,

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