

July 2, 2020

To: Parties currently registered on Proceeding 25074

**Alberta Electric System Operator  
Needs Identification Document Application  
Application 25074-A001**

**Windrise Wind Energy Inc.  
Transmission Facility Application  
Application 25074-A002**

**AltaLink Management Ltd.  
Substation and Interconnection Facility Applications  
Applications 25074-A003 and 25074-A004**

**Windrise Connection Project  
Proceeding 25074**

### **Ruling on standing**

1. The Commission issued a notice of applications for Proceeding 25074 on December 18, 2019. On January 30, 2020, the Commission issued a standing ruling granting various parties standing to participate in the above-noted proceeding. The Commission subsequently issued a notice of hearing on February 18, 2020.
2. On May 27, 2020, the Commission issued a letter identifying an error in the map appended to its previously issued notices of applications and hearing. The Commission issued a revised notice of applications for Proceeding 25074 on May 27, 2020, and requested submissions from any person who, having had the opportunity to review the revised notice, felt they may be directly and adversely affected by the Commission's decision on the applications. In response to the revised notice, the Commission received statements of intent to participate from the following persons:
  - David and Bobbi Cook
  - Wade and Denise Chester
3. The Commission has authorized the writer to communicate its decision on standing.

### **Ruling**

4. The Commission grants standing to David and Bobbi Cook, and to Wade and Denise Chester.

5. The Commission is satisfied that the Cooks and the Chesters have demonstrated that they have legal rights that may be directly and adversely affected by the Commission's decision on the applications. Each of these interveners owns land in close proximity to the proposed project and has demonstrated that the Commission's decision on the applications has the potential to result in a direct and adverse effect on them. The potential effects described by these persons include visual impacts, interference with agricultural operations, negative health effects, and effects on the environment.

6. Persons who have been granted standing 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.

7. The Commission emphasizes that eligibility to claim costs does not guarantee full recovery of those costs. Any claims for costs must be filed after this proceeding is concluded, in accordance with Rule 009, and cost recovery is subject to the Commission assessing the value of a party's 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.

### Schedule

8. The Commission has established the following process schedule to accommodate any information requests and evidence from the Cooks and the Chesters.

Process step	Date
Intervenors' written information requests to the applicants	July 13, 2020
Applicants' written information responses	July 20, 2020
Intervenors' written evidence deadline	August 4, 2020

9. If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned by email at [meghan.anderson@auc.ab.ca](mailto:meghan.anderson@auc.ab.ca), or contact the lead application officer Steven Yang at [steven.yang@auc.ab.ca](mailto:steven.yang@auc.ab.ca).

Yours truly,

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