

December 14, 2020

To: Parties currently registered in Proceeding 25469

**Alberta Electric System Operator  
Central East Transfer-out Transmission Development Needs Identification Document  
Proceeding 25469  
Application 25469-A001**

**ATCO Electric Ltd.  
Central East Transfer-out Transmission Development Facility Applications  
Proceeding 25469  
Applications 25469-A002 to 25469-A007**

**AltaLink Management Ltd.  
Central East Transfer-out Transmission Development Facility Applications  
Proceeding 25469  
Applications 25469-A008 to 25469-A010**

### **Ruling on standing**

1. In this ruling, the Alberta Utilities Commission determines the standing of Cleo Ross to participate in a public hearing in which the Commission will consider an application by the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) for approval of a needs identification document (NID), and facility applications by ATCO Electric Ltd. and AltaLink Management Ltd. for the Central East Transfer-out (CETO) Transmission Development Project. The CETO project would run east of Red Deer, Alberta to the Halkirk, Alberta area.
2. Garret Hoppins submitted a statement of intent to participate in the CETO proceeding on December 10, 2020 on behalf of Cleo Ross.
3. The Commission must hold a hearing if persons who have filed a statement of intent to participate in Proceeding 25469 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.
4. The Commission has authorized me to communicate its decision on standing for Cleo Ross.

### **Ruling**

5. The Commission is satisfied that Cleo Ross has demonstrated that she has legal rights that may be directly and adversely affected by the Commission’s decision on the facility applications. She owns land within 800 metres of the finalized right-of-way of the proposed

routes and expressed concerns with routing and impacts to farming practices. While Garret Hoppins has not demonstrated that he has rights that may be directly and adversely affected by the Commission's decision on the applications, he is permitted to participate in this proceeding as the authorized representative of Cleo Ross.

### **Costs eligibility**

6. Persons who have been granted standing in the facility applications fall within the definition of "local intervener" in Section 22 of the *Alberta Utilities Commission Act* and are therefore eligible to file a costs claim seeking recovery of the costs of their participation in this proceeding in accordance with the Commission's Rule 009: *Rules on Local Intervener Costs*.

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.

### **Further process**

8. In accordance with the Commission's November 18, 2020 ruling on the AESO's request to extend the deadline for responses to intervener information requests, the revised process schedule is set out below for convenience:

<b>Process step</b>	<b>Date</b>
AESO technical session	December 8, 2020
Interveners' information requests (questions) to applicants	December 17, 2020
Applicants' deadline to respond to information requests	January 20, 2021
Motion day to address outstanding information request issues	February 3, 2021
Interveners' written evidence deadline	February 17, 2021
Information requests to interveners	February 26, 2021
Interveners' deadline to respond to information requests	March 12, 2021
Applicants' reply evidence deadline	March 22, 2021
Commencement of hearing	March 31, 2021

9. If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at 403-592-4360 or by email at [rob.watson@auc.ab.ca](mailto:rob.watson@auc.ab.ca).

Yours truly,

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