

February 25, 2021

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 Maureen Rogers to participate in a public hearing in which the Commission will consider an application by the Alberta Electric System Operator for approval of a needs identification document, 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. Ms. Rogers submitted a statement of intent to participate in the CETO proceeding on February 25, 2021.
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 Ms. Rogers.

Ruling

5. The Commission is satisfied that Ms. Rogers has demonstrated that she has legal rights that may be directly and adversely affected by the Commission’s decision on the facility

applications. Ms. Rogers owns land within 800 metres of the finalized right-of-way of the proposed routes and expressed concerns with routing, environment, visual impacts, land value and impacts to farming practices.

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. Given that updated contact information was provided for Ms. Rogers by AltaLink on February 4, 2021, after the deadline for submitting statements of intent to participate and intervener information requests, and that Ms. Rogers did not receive the notice of hearing until after the deadline for submitting intervener evidence, the Commission has developed the following process schedule to accommodate Ms. Rogers’s participation in this proceeding. This parallel process, set out below, is limited to Ms. Rogers and will not conclude until after the hearing has started. If required to accommodate Ms. Rogers’s participation in the hearing, the Commission will take this into account in its scheduling. Other interveners are required to adhere to the deadlines set out in the Commission’s existing process schedule.

Process step	Date
Information requests from Maureen Rogers (questions) to applicants	March 5, 2021
Applicant deadline to respond to Maureen Rogers information requests	March 10, 2021
Maureen Rogers’s evidence	March 24, 2021
Information requests to Maureen Rogers	March 29, 2021
Maureen Rogers’s response to information requests	April 12, 2021
Applicant reply evidence to Maureen Rogers	April 19, 2021

9. Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at 403-592-4360 or by email at rob.watson@auc.ab.ca.

Yours truly,

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