

March 11, 2021

To: Parties currently registered in Proceeding 26176

**Alberta Electric System Operator  
Lanfine North Wind Power Project Connection Needs Identification Document Application  
Application 26176-A001**

**AltaLink Management Ltd.  
Lanfine North Wind Power Project Connection Facility Application  
Application 26176-A002**

**ATCO Electric Ltd.  
Lanfine North Wind Power Project Connection Facility Applications  
Applications 26176-A003 and 26176-A004**

### **Ruling on standing**

1. In this ruling, the Alberta Utilities Commission decides whether to hold a public hearing to consider applications by the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO), AltaLink Management Ltd. and ATCO Electric Ltd. relating to a transmission development in Beaver County and in the Oyen area.
2. The Commission must hold a hearing if persons who have filed a statement of intent to participate in Proceeding 26176 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 26176 and received one statement of intent to participate from Leslie Girletz.
4. The Commission has authorized me to communicate its decision on standing.

### **Ruling**

5. The Commission is satisfied that Leslie Girletz has legal rights that may be directly and adversely affected by the Commission’s decision on ATCO’s transmission facility application. Leslie Girletz owns land on the proposed alternate East route applied for by ATCO and has demonstrated that the Commission’s decision on the application has the potential to result in direct and adverse effects on the Girletz property. Accordingly, the Commission considers that the scope of Leslie Girletz’s participation in the hearing is confined to issues in relation to the ATCO transmission project, and does not extend to either the AESO or AltaLink applications.

6. The person who has been granted standing is 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 parties’ contribution to the proceeding.

8. The Commission will issue a notice of hearing for this proceeding shortly. Should you have any questions about the matters addressed in this letter, please contact the undersigned at 403-592-4385 or by email at [Kim.Macnab@auc.ab.ca](mailto:Kim.Macnab@auc.ab.ca).

Yours truly,

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