

May 17, 2021

To: Parties currently registered in Proceeding 26145

**AltaLink Management Ltd.**  
**ATCO Electric Ltd.**  
**Nilrem to Vermilion Transmission Development**  
**Proceeding 26145**  
**Applications 26145-A001 to 26145-A008**

### **Third ruling on standing**

1. In this ruling, the Alberta Utilities Commission decides whether a person who has filed a statement of intent to participate (SIP) in Proceeding 26145 has demonstrated that they have rights that may be “directly and adversely affected” by the Commission’s decision on applications by AltaLink Management Ltd. and ATCO Electric Ltd. for approval of the construction and operation of new transmission facilities in the Hardisty to Vermilion area. 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.
2. The Commission issued a notice of hearing for Proceeding 26145 which required SIPs to be filed by March 17, 2021. The Commission received a number of SIPs by that deadline and issued standing rulings on March 25, 2021 and April 12, 2021.<sup>1</sup>
3. On May 14, 2021, Bill Bryden filed a SIP indicating that the proposed transmission project would pass through land on which he intends to build his permanent residence.
4. The Commission has authorized me to communicate its decision on the standing of Mr. Bryden.

### **Ruling**

#### *Standing of Bill Bryden*

5. The Commission’s test for determining standing was set out in its first standing ruling. The Commission is satisfied that Mr. Bryden has demonstrated that he has legal rights that may be directly and adversely affected by the Commission’s decision on the applications. Mr. Bryden 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 him. The potential effects described include negative effects on potential future residential development on the affected land, impacts to existing farmland and impacts to health.

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<sup>1</sup> Exhibit [26145-X0177](#), AUC ruling on standing; Exhibit [26145-X0210](#), AUC second ruling on standing.

6. Although the Commission has decided that Mr. Bryden has standing, his SIP was filed after the deadlines for intervener information requests and intervener written evidence, among others, had passed. The Commission considers that given the date of his SIP, Mr. Bryden may only participate in the remaining process steps. This means he will have the opportunity to participate in the hearing, including giving evidence, questioning witnesses, and providing argument.

*Costs eligibility of Bill Bryden*

7. In accordance with Rule 009: *Rules of Local Intervener Costs*, and similarly to the persons listed in Schedule A of its first and second standing rulings, Mr. Bryden will be eligible to recover the costs of his participation, subject to the Commission's discretion.

8. If you have any questions about the matters addressed in this ruling or questions about this process, please contact Kim Macnab at [kim.macnab@auc.ab.ca](mailto:kim.macnab@auc.ab.ca) or 403-592-4385 or Trevor Richards at 403-592-4469 or [trevor.richards@auc.ab.ca](mailto:trevor.richards@auc.ab.ca).

Yours truly,

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