

May 26, 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**

### **Fourth 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 has issued three standing rulings.
3. On May 25, 2021, Mac Loades filed a SIP indicating that he is in favour of AltaLink’s preferred route and ATCO’s alternate route A, because AltaLink’s alternate route and a variant to ATCO’s preferred route C would run alongside the quarter sections identified in his SIP. Mr. Loades expressed concerns about how the project would interfere with his lands and affect the value of his land. The Commission has authorized me to communicate its decision on the standing of Mr. Loades.

### **Ruling**

4. The Commission’s test for determining standing was set out in its previous standing rulings.<sup>1</sup> The Commission is satisfied that Mr. Loades has demonstrated that he has legal rights that may be directly and adversely affected by its decision on the applications, and therefore has standing to participate in this proceeding.
5. As Mr. Loades has filed his SIP late in the process, the Commission will allow him to participate in the oral virtual hearing scheduled to begin on June 14, 2021, including giving evidence, questioning witnesses, and providing argument. Should he choose to participate in the hearing, Mr. Loades is directed to file a written summary of any evidence he wishes to present at

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<sup>1</sup> Exhibit [26145-X0177](#), AUC ruling on standing; Exhibit [26145-X0210](#), AUC second ruling on standing; Exhibit [26145-X0353](#), AUC third ruling on standing.

the virtual hearing by **June 2, 2021**. Should he choose not to participate further, the Commission will nonetheless consider the information filed in his SIP as part of its overall consideration of the record.

6. In accordance with Rule 009: *Rules of Local Intervener Costs*, Mr. Loades will be eligible to recover the costs of his participation, subject to the Commission's discretion.

7. 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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