

Notice of hearing

Winnifred Wind Power Connection Project

Enerfin Energy Company of Canada Inc. and AltaLink Management Ltd. have filed applications for transmission development in the Medicine Hat area

Proceeding 26707
Applications 26707-A002 to 26707-A004

The Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC), the independent utilities regulator, will be holding a hearing to review the applications and submissions received to consider the electric transmission development applications in Proceeding 26707.

Written evidence is due December 17, 2021.

Enerfin Energy Company of Canada Inc. has applied to construct and operate a new approximately 25-kilometre, 138-kilovolt (kV) transmission line, to be designated as Transmission Line 498L, to connect Enerfin's proposed Winnifred Wind Power Project to the Alberta Interconnected Electric System, via Enerfin's proposed Holsom 1054S Substation.

AltaLink Management Ltd. has applied to connect the existing Bullshead 523S Substation to proposed Transmission Line 498L and to upgrade the Bullshead 523S Substation to accommodate this proposed connection.

The map included with this notice identifies the transmission line route applied for by Enerfin. The applications have been filed under the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act*.

Additional information about the applications

The applications and any associated documents are publicly available and can be accessed from the eFiling System on the AUC website www.auc.ab.ca. Alternatively, for more information about what is being applied for, or for a copy of the applications, please contact:

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Participant information session

The AUC will be holding a virtual information session on November 18, 2021, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to provide information about how you may become involved in this proceeding and the funding which may be available to you to support your position, which includes costs for legal representation and expert witnesses. The project and its merits will not be discussed at this session. To register for the virtual information session, please [sign up here](#) or email trevor.richards@auc.ab.ca by November 17, 2021.

If you cannot attend the virtual information session, but want to learn more about the review process, or for more information about how you may become involved in this proceeding, please contact us or visit our website and review the information under “Have your say” or under “Review process.” The lead application officer, Trevor Richards, can also be contacted at 403-592-4469 or by email at trevor.richards@auc.ab.ca.

New participant submissions

If you wish to participate in this proceeding and have not yet filed a statement of intent to participate, please visit our website and log in to the eFiling System, go to Proceeding 26707, and register to participate under the “registered parties” tab. Alternatively, please contact us at 310-4AUC (310-4282) in Alberta or info@auc.ab.ca for more information or assistance with filing your submission.

Privacy

To support an open and transparent process, information you send to the AUC will be publicly available to anyone registered in this proceeding. If there is confidential information you would like to file, a request must be made in advance of filing your submission.

Hearing

The Commission intends to host a virtual oral hearing to consider this proceeding. The Commission has determined dates for initial hearing process steps but does not intend to schedule the oral hearing dates until after Proceeding 26504 has resumed. Proceeding 26504 is a separate proceeding to consider Enerfin’s applications to construct and operate the Winnifred Wind Power Plant and Holsom 1054S Substation. That proceeding is currently in abeyance (on hold) pending Enerfin filing additional information to supplement its applications.

Participating in the hearing

If you intend to present evidence at the hearing, you must submit your written evidence by December 17, 2021. Your written evidence should include your statement about your intended level of participation, including whether you or your representative intend to:

- Attend the virtual hearing.
- Cross-examine any of the applicant’s witness panels.

Written evidence can be reports prepared by experts or written information (including maps, charts, photographs and narrative statements) prepared by an intervener personally, and clearly identified as such. Any report that was prepared by an expert, and which is being filed in support of an intervener’s position, must clearly state the qualifications of the expert and the name of the intervener who directed that the report was to be prepared. Please be aware that the author of any report or other written evidence that an intervener expects the Commission to rely upon must be available to be cross-examined at the hearing.

Hearing process schedule

The Commission has established the following process to consider the applications:

Process step	Date
Virtual information session	November 18, 2021, 6:30 p.m.
Intervenors' information requests (questions) to applicant deadline	November 26, 2021
Applicant's deadline to respond to information requests	December 8, 2021
Intervenors' written evidence deadline	December 17, 2021

Details on further process steps, including information requests to intervenors about their evidence, reply evidence from the applicant, and the dates of the oral hearing will be announced at a later date. This information will be communicated through the Commission's eFiling System and posted on the AUC's website.

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Alberta Utilities Commission

