

November 16, 2021

Decision 26946-D01-2021

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Attention: Vincent Light
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**TransAlta Corporation
Keephills Unit 1 Discontinuation of Operations
Proceeding 26946
Application 26946-A001**

Notice of ceasing operations

1. TransAlta Corporation, by Application 26946-A001, registered on October 29, 2021, notified the Alberta Utilities Commission that it would be ceasing operations of the Keephills Unit 1 generating unit at the Keephills Power Plant, effective December 31, 2021.
2. TransAlta, in accordance with Approval 25240-D02-2020,¹ has approval to alter and operate the Keephills Power Plant located in the Keephills area.
3. TransAlta stated that it will no longer pursue conversion of Keephills Unit 1 from coal-fired to natural gas-fired (as approved in Approval 25240-D02-2020). TransAlta stated that it intends to permanently discontinue the operation of Keephills Unit 1 and permanently dismantle and remove the works and installations forming part of Keephills Unit 1. TransAlta stated that it provided the necessary notification of the retirement to the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO).
4. The Commission acknowledges that TransAlta provided the necessary notification to the AESO following Section 22 of the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act*. The Commission is satisfied that the notice of the discontinuance complies with Section 22 of the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act*.
5. The Commission expects that TransAlta will file a notice of decommissioning at least 60 days prior to the start of any decommissioning work.

¹ Power Plant Approval 25240-D02-2020, Application 25240-A001, April 8, 2020.

6. The power plant approval has been amended to reflect that Keephills Unit 1 will cease operations effective December 31, 2021. Condition 3 of Approval 25240-D02-2020 has been removed as it was for the final selection of equipment for the conversion of Keephills Unit 1. Approval 26946-D02-2021 is attached.

7. The Commission may, no later than 60 days of the date of this decision and without notice, correct typographical, spelling and calculation errors and other similar types of errors and post the corrected decision on its website.

Alberta Utilities Commission

(original signed by)

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On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

Attachment