

March 8, 2022

Decision 27177-D01-2022

EPCOR Water Services Inc.
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Attention: Carmen Piercey
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E.L. Smith Solar Power Plant Time Extension
Proceeding 27177
Application 27177-A001

Time extension

1. EPCOR Water Services Inc., by Application 27177-A001, registered with the Alberta Utilities Commission on February 18, 2022, requested approval of a time extension in order to complete construction of the E.L. Smith Solar Power Plant, in the city of Edmonton. The power plant consists of a 13.6-megawatt (MW) solar power plant and a battery energy storage system with a total energy storage capacity of four MW/8.9 megawatt hours.
2. The proposed work is related to facilities previously approved by the Commission in Approval 27056-D02-2022,¹ where March 31, 2022, was stipulated as the completion date for the project. EPCOR Water explained that it has commenced construction of the power plant and requested that the Commission extend the completion date of the power plant to December 31, 2022.
3. EPCOR Water stated that the revised date is to account for delays in obtaining regulatory approvals from the City of Edmonton and procuring equipment due to supply chain challenges resulting from COVID-19 and flooding in British Columbia.
4. EPCOR Water submitted that an updated participant involvement program was not necessary because there are no changes to the project aside from the construction completion date. Also, it has continued to keep stakeholders informed of the project progress through updates to its website. EPCOR Water confirmed that the distribution facility owner has no concerns with the new construction completion date.
5. EPCOR Water has provided information respecting the need, nature and the duration of the requested time extension. Based upon the information provided, EPCOR Water has demonstrated that the requested time extension is of a minor nature.

¹ Power Plant Approval 27056-D02-2022, Proceeding 27056, Application 27056-A001, January 4, 2022.

6. The Commission approves a time extension to December 31, 2022, for the completion of the E.L. Smith Solar Power Plant.
7. Approval 27177-D02-2022 is attached.
8. 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)

Wayne MacKenzie
Executive Director, Facilities Division
On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

Attachment