

Notice of hearing Buffalo Trail Wind Power Project

ENGIE Development Canada GP Inc. has filed applications for a wind power project in Cypress County

Proceeding 27240
Applications 27240-A001 to 27240-A003

The Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC), the independent utilities regulator, will be holding a hearing to review the applications and submissions received to consider the power plant and substation development applications in Proceeding 27240.

Written evidence is due September 26, 2022.

ENGIE Development Canada GP Inc., in its capacity as general partner of ENGIE Development Canada LP, has applied for approval to construct and operate a 400-megawatt (MW) wind power plant, designated as the Buffalo Trail Wind Power Project. The project would consist of up to 65 wind turbines in two 200-MW phases (north and south phases). Each phase would have a separate substation, which would be designated as Buffalo Trail North Substation and Buffalo Trail South Substation, respectively. The project would be located in Cypress County and the project area and proposed substation locations are shown on the map included with this notice.

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 holds information sessions to provide information about how to have your say and become involved in its proceedings. The AUC is prepared to provide a telephone or virtual session about options for participating in this proceeding and the local intervener funding that may be available to you to support your participation, if requested by individuals or groups interested in the proceeding. Please contact the lead application officer, Allan Anderson, at 403-592-4438 or allan.anderson@auc.ab.ca by **August 15, 2022**, if you want to participate in an information session.

For more information about how you may become involved in this proceeding, please contact us or visit our website and review the information under “Get involved.”

Statements of intent to participate

If you wish to participate in this proceeding, and have not already filed a statement of intent to participate, please visit our website and log in to the eFiling System, go to Proceeding 27240, 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 statement of intent to participate.

Statements of intent to participate must include your name, address, phone number, legal land location, description of your land in relation to the proposed development and a description of how you, your land, your business, or your activities may be affected by the proposed project. Please also briefly describe the issues you would like the AUC to consider when making its decision.

Only parties that have filed a statement of intent to participate and have been granted standing may be eligible for funding and to fully participate in the hearing.

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 will host a virtual oral hearing, commencing on **November 7, 2022, at 9 a.m.**

The virtual oral hearing will be held remotely using a video conferencing platform. Participants are responsible for ensuring that they have access to all documentary evidence filed on the record of the proceeding, either through the eFiling System or in their preferred format. Further information about the virtual hearing process will be issued separately. The Commission will also hold a test session on **November 1, 2022, at 10 a.m.**, so that any technological issues can be detected and resolved in advance of the hearing. All hearing participants are required to participate in the test session.

Commission staff will contact the hearing participants and will send email invitations that include the link to access the test session and hearing.

Participating in the hearing

If you intend to present evidence at the hearing, you must submit your written evidence by **September 26, 2022**, and be present at the commencement of the hearing. Your written evidence should include your statement about your intended level of participation, including whether you or your representative will:

- Attend the 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.

Summarized process schedule

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

Process step	Deadline date*
Virtual information session request	August 15, 2022
Interveners’ information requests (questions) to applicant deadline	August 29, 2022
Applicant’s deadline to respond to information requests	September 12, 2022
Interveners’ written evidence deadline	September 26, 2022
Information requests to interveners about intervener evidence	October 11, 2022
Interveners’ deadline to respond to information requests	October 24, 2022
Applicant’s reply evidence deadline	October 31, 2022
Hearing test session	November 1, 2022 at 10 a.m.
Commencement of hearing	November 7, 2022 at 9 a.m.

* All submissions are due by 4 p.m.

Issued on August 2, 2022.

Alberta Utilities Commission

