

# Notice of hearing

## Willow Ridge Wind Project

**Proceeding 27837**  
**Applications 27837-A001 to 27837-A003**

The Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC), the independent utilities regulator, will be holding a hearing to consider the power plant substation and battery energy storage system development applications received in Proceeding 27837.

**Written evidence is due December 18, 2023.**

SPWC Development GP Inc. has applied to construct and operate a wind power plant, and associated Willow Wind 2708S Substation and battery energy storage system, designated as the Willow Ridge Wind Project (the project), under the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act*.

The power plant would consist of 31 wind turbines, with each turbine rated at 6.6 megawatts (MW), with a total generating capability of 204.6 MW. The project turbines would have a hub height of 115 metres and a rotor diameter of 170 metres. The power plant would also include a 34.5-kilovolt gathering system, which would be used solely for collecting the electric energy generated by each turbine and transmitting the electric energy to the proposed Willow Wind 2708S Substation.

The project would be located in the Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26, Alberta, approximately 7.2 kilometres south of the town of Fort Macleod. Specifically, the project would be located within townships 7 and 8, Range 25, west of the Fourth Meridian, and townships 7 and 8, Range 26, west of the Fourth Meridian.

The Willow Wind 2708S Substation and the battery energy storage system would be located in the northwest quarter of Section 7, Township 8, Range 25, west of the Fourth Meridian.

### **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](http://www.auc.ab.ca). Basic information about the Willow Ridge Wind Project can be found on the AUC website under “Applications > Featured applications.” Alternatively, for more information about what is being applied for, or for a copy of the applications, please contact:

SPWC Development GP Inc.  
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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 information 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 AUC by email at [info@auc.ab.ca](mailto:info@auc.ab.ca) by November 10, 2023, 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.”

### **Submissions**

If you wish to participate in this proceeding, please visit our website and log in to the eFiling System, go to Proceeding 27837, and register to participate under the “registered parties” tab. For guidance on how to use the eFiling System, please visit [www.auc.ab.ca/how-to-use-efiling](http://www.auc.ab.ca/how-to-use-efiling). Alternatively, please contact us at 310-4AUC (310-4282) in Alberta or [info@auc.ab.ca](mailto:info@auc.ab.ca) for more information or assistance with filing your submission.

Submissions must include your name, address, phone number, legal land location, description of your land in relation to the proposed development and a description of your interest in the land, your business, or your activities which 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 participation submissions and have been granted standing may be eligible for funding and to fully participate in the hearing.

If you intend to present evidence at the hearing, you must submit your written evidence by December 18, 2023, and be present at the commencement of the hearing.

For more information about participating in this proceeding contact:  
Kloria Wen at 403-592-4367 or email your questions to [kloria.wen@auc.ab.ca](mailto:kloria.wen@auc.ab.ca).

### **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.

### **Participating in the hearing**

If you intend to present evidence at the hearing, you must submit your written evidence by December 18, 2023, and be present at the commencement of the hearing.

Your written evidence should include your statement about your intended level of participation. Please include 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:

<b>Process step</b>	<b>Due date</b>
Applicant's deadline to respond to interim information requirements	November 3, 2023
Interveners' and AUC's deadline to file information requests to applicant	November 20, 2023
Applicant's deadline to respond to information requests	December 4, 2023
Interveners' written evidence deadline	December 18, 2023
Applicant's and AUC's deadline to file information requests to interveners	January 8, 2024
Interveners' deadline to respond to information requests	January 22, 2024
Applicant's reply evidence deadline	February 5, 2024
Commencement of hearing	To be determined

Issued on October 20, 2023.

Alberta Utilities Commission

