

Notice of revised hearing

Wild Rose 2 Wind Power Plant Amendment

WR2 Wind GP Corp. has filed an updated application for a wind power plant amendment in the Medicine Hat area

Proceeding 27729
Application 27729-A001

The Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC), the independent utilities regulator, will be holding a hearing to review the application and submissions received to consider the power plant amendment application in Proceeding 27729.

Written reply evidence is due December 15, 2023.

A virtual oral hearing is scheduled to commence on January 22, 2024, at 9 a.m.

WR2 Wind GP Corp. (WR2) has applied to amend the approved Wild Rose 2 Wind Power Plant. The project would be located approximately 30 kilometres southeast of Medicine Hat, as shown in the attached map. The project area covers the following lands:

Sections	Township	Range	Meridian
16, 20, 21, 28, 29, 32, 33	9	4	4
35, 36	9	5	4
4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 17, 18	10	4	4
1, 2, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 24	10	5	4

WR2 has approval to construct and operate the Wild Rose 2 Wind Power Plant in Approval 27412-D02-2022. The application has been filed under the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act*.

The amended Wild Rose 2 Wind Power Plant would consist of 38 wind turbines, with a maximum capability of 197.6 megawatts, associated 34.5-kilovolt collector system, access roads, and other related facilities. The wind turbine locations have shifted from those previously approved by the Commission. WR2 has selected the Siemens-Gamesa SGRE-5.2 145 as the turbine manufacturer and model, each rated at 5.2 megawatts. The wind turbines would have a hub height of 95.5 metres and a maximum tip height of 168 metres. The previously approved project consisted of sixty 3.2-megawatt turbines with a hub height of 92.5 metres and maximum tip height of 149 metres.

The hearing was previously scheduled to commence on July 24, 2023. The hearing was adjourned due to setback encroachments of project infrastructure from a new ferruginous hawk nest, a new sharp-tailed grouse lek, and a previously inactive sharp-tailed grouse lek that was observed to be

active. On October 6, 2023, WR2 revised the project layout to address the impacts on these features and requested to resume the proceeding. The Commission has resumed the consideration of this proceeding.

Additional information about the application

The application 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 application, please contact:

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Hearing

The Commission will host a virtual oral hearing, commencing on **January 22, 2024, 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 **January 17, 2024, at 1:30 p.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.

Further participation in the hearing

Prior to the adjournment of the proceeding, registered parties were given an opportunity to file written intervenor evidence and the applicant filed its rebuttal evidence. On October 6, 2023, WR2 filed an amendment to its application. WR2 will also file responses to Commission information requests, as noted in the schedule below. The Commission will provide intervenors with an opportunity to file reply evidence to WR2's new evidence. This reply evidence is due by **December 15, 2023**.

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

Further participant information

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, Victor Choy, can also be contacted at 403-592-4439 or by email at victor.choy@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.

Summarized process schedule

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

Process step	Due date
Commission information requests (IRs) to WR2 on Bulletin 2023-05 topics ¹	November 3, 2023
WR2 IR responses	November 17, 2023
Intervener reply evidence	December 15, 2023
WR2 reply evidence	January 15, 2024
Virtual hearing test session	January 17, 2024
Virtual oral hearing	January 22-26, 2024

* All submissions are due by 4 p.m.

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¹ Bulletin 2023-05, Interim Rule 007 information requirements, September 6, 2023.

