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1. On January 22, 2024, Green Block Mining Corp. filed a letter in Proceeding 26379 (Alberta Utilities Commission Enforcement Staff Enforcement Proceeding Related to Green Block Mining Corp. Power Plants), in which it requested a 30-day extension for payment of the administrative penalty ordered in Decision 26379-D05-2023. In effect, Green Block requested a review and variance of the order at paragraph 25 of that decision, which required payment of an administrative penalty (\$346,500) and Enforcement staff's legal expenses (to a maximum of \$60,000) "within 30 days of the date of this decision".

2. The deadline of those payments, according to Green Block, fell on Saturday, January 20, 2024, and Green Block advised that it would make partial payment of the administrative penalty and full payment of the legal expenses on Monday, January 22, 2024. Green Block requested a 30-day extension of the deadline, to February 21, 2024, to pay the outstanding balance of the administrative penalty.

3. Green Block indicated that payment of the \$346,500 administrative penalty and the \$60,000 legal expenses is being financed because the company is not currently solvent. Green Block explained that raising money in British Columbia to pay a regulatory penalty in Alberta is not easy, particularly given the parlous financial state of the company. Green Block also indicated that it was unable to meaningfully engage in raising funds during the holiday period, resulting in approximately two weeks lost of the 30 days it had been given by the Commission to pay the administrative penalty and legal expenses.

4. On January 24, 2024, Green Block confirmed that on January 22, 2024, it made a \$140,000 partial payment of the administrative penalty to the Government of Alberta General Revenue Fund and the full \$60,000 legal expenses payment to the Alberta Utilities Commission.

5. The Commission has treated Green Block's request to extend the deadline for payment of the administrative penalty by approximately one month as a request to review and vary Decision 26379-D05-2023 and has initiated this proceeding pursuant to AUC Rule 016: *Review of Commission Decisions*.

6. Having reviewed the submissions of Green Block, and noting Green Block's partial payment of the administrative penalty and full payment of legal expenses specified at paragraph 25 of Decision 26379-D05-2023, the Commission is satisfied that granting Green Block's request is in the public interest. The Commission's view is that in the circumstances, extending the deadline by a month, as proposed by Green Block, facilitates full payment of the administrative penalty. Supporting this conclusion is that Green Block has already paid the full order for legal expenses and a portion of the overall administrative penalty.

The Commission is also mindful of Green Block's submission that it is financing payment of the administrative penalty and that process may require additional time.

7. The Commission will therefore extend the deadline for Green Block to pay the outstanding \$206,500.00 of the administrative penalty specified at paragraph 25 of Decision 26379-D05-2023 to February 21, 2024.

Dated on January 26, 2024.

**Alberta Utilities Commission**

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Douglas A. Larder, KC  
Vice-Chair

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Commission Member