

Order requiring immediate suspension of construction

Order 27691-D04-2024

Capital Power Generation Services Inc. Order requiring immediate suspension of construction	November 8, 2024 Proceeding 27691
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Pursuant to Approval 27691-D02-2023,¹ Capital Power Generation Services Inc. has approval to construct and operate a power plant designated as the Halkirk 2 Wind Power Plant (the project), in the Halkirk area.

On November 8, 2024, a representative of Capital Power Generation Services Inc. notified the Alberta Utilities Commission of a serious incident involving the nacelle and rotors of a turbine under construction falling to the ground. Capital Power Generation Services Inc. confirmed that there were no injuries or fatalities resulting from the incident.

At the time of the incident, the project area was under the control of Capital Power Generation Services Inc.'s primary contractor. Capital Power Generation Services Inc. indicated that its contractor has ceased construction activities to allow an investigation into the cause of the incident.

Pursuant to Section 41(1) of the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act*, when it appears to the Commission that a method or practice employed or any equipment or installation is improper, hazardous, inadequate, or defective, the Commission may, by order, cancel or suspend an approval, permit or licence, or make any other order it considers suitable in the circumstances.

Section 41(2) allows the Commission to make such orders without prior notice to the holder if a condition exists that, in the opinion of the Commission, is a danger to any person or to public or private property. Based on the information currently available, it is the Commission's opinion that such a condition exists. On that basis, the Commission makes the following orders under Section 41(1)(b) of the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act*:

1. Capital Power Generation Services Inc. must cease all construction activities at the Halkirk 2 Wind Power Plant until further directed by the Commission.
2. Capital Power Generation Services Inc. must take all necessary steps to secure the project site and all turbines, components and related equipment that comprise the project to ensure the protection of persons and public and private property.

¹ Power Plant Approval 27691-D02-2023, Proceeding 27691, Application 27691-A001, July 27, 2023.

3. Capital Power shall confirm to the Commission, in writing, its compliance with this order as soon as practicable, and include in that confirmation a summary of the steps taken to secure the project site and the project's turbines, components and related equipment. Confirmation of compliance must be uploaded to Proceeding 27691 as a post disposition document.

This order is effective immediately.

Alberta Utilities Commission



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Chair