

August 30, 2021

Wayne MacKenzie
Executive Director - Facilities
Alberta Utilities Commission
Eau Claire Tower
1400, 600 Third Avenue SW
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Dear Mr. MacKenzie:

Re: **Application of the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) for Cancellation of the Needs Identification Document (NID) Approval for the Peace Butte Wind Energy Connection**

Introduction and Background

On May 27, 2013, the Alberta Utilities Commission (Commission) approved the AESO's Peace Butte Wind Energy Connection NID¹ in Decision 2013-191 and NID Approval U2013-244 (NID Approval).² The NID Approval approved the need to connect the Peace Butte Wind Power Project (Facility) to the Alberta interconnected electric system (AIES), including the following transmission developments:

- Construct approximately 300 meters of new single-circuit 138 kV transmission line, to be designated as 600AL, in a T-tap configuration, to connect the Tothill 219S substation to the existing 138 kV transmission line 600L.
- Alter the existing transmission line 600L to accommodate the T-tap.

On March 9, 2021, the Commission rescinded Pteragen Canada Inc.'s (Pteragen) approvals for the Peace Butte Wind Power Project.³ On April 22, 2021, the Commission rescinded AltaLink Management Ltd.'s permits and licenses for the Peace Butte Wind Power Project.⁴ Subsequently, on May 12, 2021, the AESO cancelled the System Access Service Request for the Peace Butte Wind Energy Connection project.

Relief Requested

In accordance with the NID Approval, which states that, "the Commission may review this approval, in whole or in part, upon its own motion or upon application by an interested party, in accordance with Section 10 of the *Alberta Utilities Commission Act*," the AESO is applying to the Commission for cancellation of the NID Approval pursuant to Section 10 of the *Alberta Utilities Commission Act*.

¹ Proceeding 1973, Exhibit 0001.00.AESO-1973.

² Decision 2013-191, *Alberta Electric System Operator Peace Butte Wind Energy Connection Needs Identification Document, AltaLink Management Ltd. Peace Butte Wind Energy Facility Application*.

³ Proceeding 24127, Decision 24127-D01-2021.

⁴ Proceeding 25133, Decision 25133-D01-2021.

Stakeholder Notification

With respect to stakeholder notification, Section 4(b) of Appendix A2 of Rule 007: *Applications for Power Plants, Substations, Transmission Lines, Industrial System Designations and Hydro Developments* states that “[i]n the event that the [AESO] decides not to proceed with a needs identification document application or an abbreviated needs identification document application for which a stakeholder notification has been distributed, the [AESO] must notify stakeholders of this decision in writing.”

The AESO directed AltaLink to assist the AESO in providing notification to previously notified stakeholders who were part of the participant involvement program⁵ conducted by the AESO. The AESO developed a one page cancellation notice for AltaLink to distribute to previously notified stakeholders as the AESO’s notification. A copy of the cancellation notice was posted to the AESO website at <https://www.aeso.ca/grid/projects/peace-butte-wind-energy-connection/> and a notice was published in the AESO Stakeholder Newsletter on August 12, 2021. Copies of the cancellation notice and the AESO Stakeholder Newsletter notice have been included as Attachments 1 and 2, respectively. AltaLink distributed its cancellation letter and the AESO’s cancellation notice to previously notified stakeholders on August 12, 2021. Both of these documents were also posted on AltaLink’s project-specific webpage at <http://www.altalink.ca/projects/view/130/peace-butte-wind-interconnection-project> on August 12, 2021. A copy of AltaLink’s cancellation letter has been included as Attachment 3.

AltaLink has advised that stakeholders have not identified any concerns or objections regarding the cancellation of the connection to the Facility. Similarly, the AESO has not received any indication of concerns or objections about the cancellation of the Facility connection.

Closure

We trust the foregoing to be satisfactory. Please contact the following individual with any questions or concerns:

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 Regulatory Administrator
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 403-539-2850

Sincerely,

Electronically submitted by

Robert Davidson, P.Eng.
 Director, Customer Grid Access

Enclosure:

Attachment 1 – AESO Cancellation Notice (August 2021)
 Attachment 2 – AESO Stakeholder Newsletter Cancellation Notice (August 12, 2021)
 Attachment 3 – AltaLink Project Cancellation Letter (August 3, 2021)

⁵ Proceeding 1973, Exhibit 0001.00.AESO-1973– Appendix B



Project Cancellation for the Peace Butte Wind Energy Connection in the Medicine Hat Area

The Pteragen Canada Inc. (Pteragen) request for transmission system access to connect its Peace Butte Wind Power Project (Facility) in the Medicine Hat area has been cancelled.

BACKGROUND

The Alberta Utilities Commission (Commission) originally approved the AESO's *Peace Butte Wind Energy Connection Needs Identification Document* (NID) on May 27, 2013. The NID approval included the following transmission developments:

- Add one 138 kilovolt (kV) transmission line to connect the Facility in a T-tap configuration.
- Add or modify associated equipment as required for the above transmission developments.

NEXT STEPS

The AESO intends to apply to the Commission for cancellation of the NID approval in late 2021.

Information related to the Peace Butte Wind Energy Connection project is available on the AESO's website at <https://www.aeso.ca/grid/projects/>

WHO IS THE AESO?

The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) plans and operates Alberta's electricity grid and wholesale electricity market safely, reliably and in the public interest of all Albertans. We are a not-for-profit organization with no financial interest or investment of any kind in the power industry.

We appreciate your views, both on the need for transmission system development and proposed transmission plans. If you have any questions or comments, please contact us directly.

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August 12, 2021

AESO Stakeholder Newsletter



Peace Butte Wind Energy Connection – Cancellation Notice

The AESO would like to inform stakeholders that the Pteragen Canada Inc. request for system access service to connect its Peace Butte Wind Power Project (Facility) in the Medicine Hat area has been cancelled.

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The AESO has posted a Cancellation Notice for this project on its website. Please [click here](#) to view the document or visit the AESO website at www.aeso.ca and follow the path Grid > Projects > Peace Butte Wind Energy Connection.



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August 3, 2021

Peace Butte Wind Power Interconnection Project – Project cancellation notification

Thank you for your participation in the Peace Butte Wind Power Interconnection Project. The project was approved by the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) on May 27, 2013 and required AltaLink to construct a new transmission line to connect Pteragen Canada Inc.'s (Pteragen) Peace Butte Wind project to the electric system.

This letter is to inform you that on April 22, 2021, the AUC rescinded the permits and licences for the project (Decision 25133-D01-2021). Further, on May 12, 2021, the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) cancelled the System Access Service Request for Pteragen's Peace Butte Wind project. As a result, the project is no longer required and has been cancelled.

If you have questions about the cancelled project, please contact the AESO at 1-888-866-2959 or stakeholder.relations@aeso.ca.

Contact us

We are available to address any questions or concerns you may have. Please contact us at stakeholderrelations@altalink.ca or 1-877-267-1453. You can also view more information about the project at <http://www.altalink.ca/projects>.

Sincerely,

Dave Lee
Manager, Consultation



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