

September 22, 2026

Decision 31061-D01-2026

Alberta Electric System Operator
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Attention: Brenda Hill
Regulatory Administrator

**Provost to Edgerton and Nilrem to Vermilion Needs Identification Document Cancellation
Proceeding 31061
Application 31061-A001**

1. Under Approval 23429-D02-2019,¹ the Alberta Utilities Commission approved the need for the transmission system development in the Provost to Edgerton and Nilrem to Vermilion area.
2. The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO), by Application 31061-A001, registered on September 16, 2026, applied to cancel Approval 23429-D02-2019. The AESO stated that the facilities are no longer needed due to changes in system topology, load forecasts and the energization of the Central East Transfer-out Transmission Development Project.²
3. Based upon the AESO's request to cancel the needs identification document approval, the Commission accepts that the approval for these facilities is no longer required. Under Section 10 of the *Alberta Utilities Commission Act*, the Commission approves the application and rescinds Approval 23429-D02-2019.
4. AltaLink Management Ltd. was granted approvals to construct, modify and operate electric facilities to meet the need identified by the AESO in relation to the Provost to Edgerton development in Proceeding 26171.³ The Commission has not yet received an application from AltaLink to amend or cancel these approvals.
5. There are no approvals in place to construct, modify and operate electric facilities to meet the need identified by the AESO in relation to the Nilrem to Vermilion development.

¹ Needs Identification Document Approval 23429-D02-2019, Proceeding 23429, Application 23429-A001, April 10, 2019.

² Decision 25469-D01-2021: Alberta Electric System Operator - Central East Transfer-out Transmission Development Project, Proceeding 25469, Application 25469-A001, August 10, 2021.

³ Subsequent time extensions were approved in Proceeding 28724 and Proceeding 29919.

6. The Commission may, no later than 60 days from the date of this decision and without notice, correct typographical, spelling and calculation errors and other similar types of errors and post the corrected decision on its website.

Alberta Utilities Commission

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On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission