

Notice of hearing

Willow Ridge Wind Project

SPWC Development GP Inc. has filed amendments for a wind power plant, a substation and a battery energy storage system in the Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26

Proceeding 27837
Applications 27837-A001 to 27837-A003

The Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC), the independent utilities regulator, will be holding a hearing to consider the power plant, substation and battery energy storage system development applications received in Proceeding 27837.

Written evidence in response to the amendments is due December 3, 2024.

SPWC Development GP Inc. has submitted amendments to its applications to construct and operate a wind power plant, associated Breezy Ridge 1078S Substation (previously named the Willow Wind 2708S Substation) and battery energy storage system, designated as the Willow Ridge Wind Project (the project), under the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act*.

The power plant would consist of 28 wind turbines, with each turbine rated at seven megawatts (MW) (previously 6.6 MW), with a total generating capability of 196 MW (previously 204.6 MW). The power plant would also include a 34.5-kilovolt gathering system, which would be used solely for collecting the electric energy generated by each turbine and transmitting the electric energy to the proposed substation.

The project would be located in the Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26, Alberta, approximately 7.2 kilometres south of the town of Fort Macleod. Specifically, the project would be located within townships 7 and 8, Range 25, west of the Fourth Meridian, and townships 7 and 8, Range 26, west of the Fourth Meridian.

The Breezy Ridge 1078S Substation and the battery energy storage system would be located in the northwest quarter of Section 7, Township 8, Range 25, west of the Fourth Meridian.

Additional information about the applications

The applications 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 applications, please contact:

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Hearing

The Commission will host a virtual oral hearing, commencing on **Monday, January 27, 2025, 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. Commission staff will contact the hearing participants and will send email invitations that include the links to access a mandatory test session and the hearing.

If you intend to present evidence at the hearing, you must submit your written evidence by **December 3, 2024**, and be present at the commencement of the hearing.

For more information about participating in this proceeding contact:
Kloria Wen at 403-592-4367 or email your questions to kloria.wen@auc.ab.ca.

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 “Get involved.”

Submissions

If you wish to participate in this proceeding, please visit our website and log in to the eFiling System, go to Proceeding 27837, and register to participate under the “registered parties” tab. For guidance on how to use the eFiling System, please visit www.auc.ab.ca/how-to-use-efiling. Alternatively, please contact us at 310-4AUC (310-4282) in Alberta or info@auc.ab.ca for more information or assistance with filing your submission.

Submissions must include your name, address, phone number, legal land location, description of your land in relation to the proposed development and a description of how you, your land, your business, or your activities may be affected by the proposed project. Please also briefly describe the issues you would like the AUC to consider when making its decision.

Only parties that have filed participation submissions and have been granted standing may be eligible for funding and to fully participate in the hearing.

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.

Participating in the hearing

If you intend to present evidence at the hearing, you must submit your written evidence by **December 3, 2024**, and be present at the commencement of the hearing. Your written evidence should include your statement about your intended level of participation, including whether you or your representative will:

- Attend the hearing.
- Cross-examine any of the applicant’s witness panels.

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

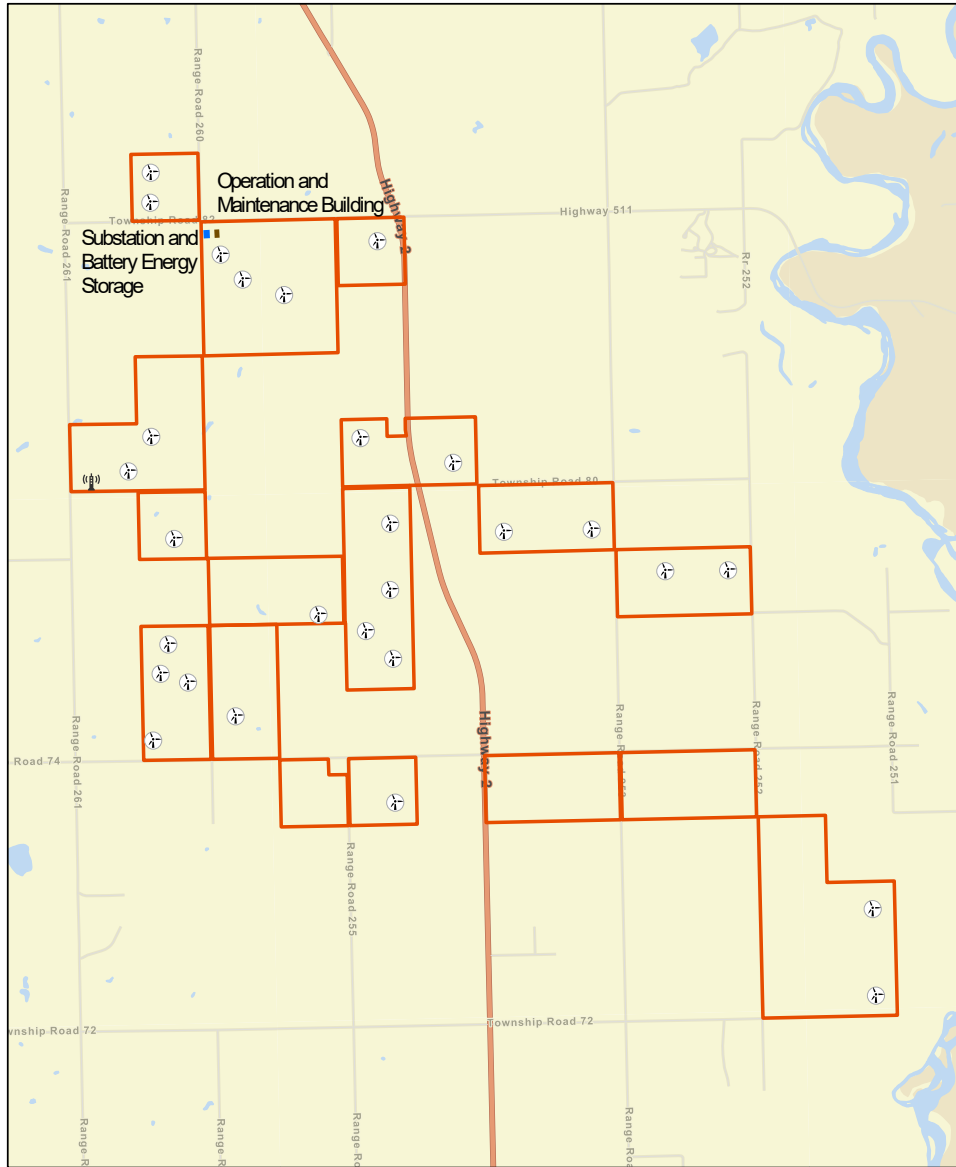
Summarized process schedule

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






Process step	Date
Interveners’ deadline to file information requests to applicant regarding amendments	November 8, 2024
Applicant’s deadline to respond to intervener information requests	November 21, 2024
Interveners’ written evidence deadline in response to amendments	December 3, 2024
Applicant’s and AUC’s deadline to file information requests to interveners	December 13, 2024
Interveners’ deadline to respond to information requests	January 3, 2025
Applicant’s reply evidence deadline	January 15, 2025
Pre-hearing test session	January 20, 2025, at 10 a.m.
Commencement of hearing	January 27, 2025, at 9 a.m.

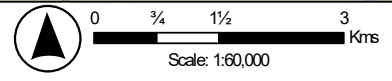
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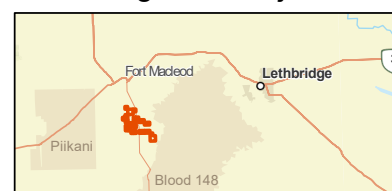
Legend

-  Project Turbine
-  Meteorological Tower
-  Project Boundary
-  Substation and Battery Energy Storage Facility
-  Operation Maintenance Building



Data Source: Alberta Environment and Parks/Esri Canada, Esri, TomTom, Garmin, SafeGraph, GeoTechnologies, Inc, METINASA, USGS, EPA, USDA, NRCan, Parks Canada, Esri Canada, Esri, TomTom, Garmin, FAO, NOAA, USGS, EPA, NRCan, Parks Canada

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