

# Notice of hearing

## Beacon AI Centers – Heartland Project

### Thermal Power Plant

## Heartland Power Generation LP has filed an application for a 920-megawatt natural gas-fired power plant near Fort Saskatchewan and Gibbons

**Proceeding 30518**  
**Application 30518-A001**

The Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC), the independent utilities regulator, will be holding a written hearing to review the application and submissions received to consider the power plant development application in Proceeding 30518.

### **Written evidence is due May 22, 2026.**

Heartland Power Generation LP has applied to construct and operate the Beacon AI Centers – Heartland Project Thermal Power Plant. The project is proposed to be located within the Alberta Industrial Heartland, approximately seven kilometres east of Gibbons, in Sturgeon County, Alberta. Specifically, the project would be located in Section 15, Township 56, Range 22, west of the Fourth Meridian, as depicted in the map included with this notice.

The total capability of the project would be 920 megawatts, and under normal operating scenarios, would supply approximately 800 megawatts of power to co-located, on-site data halls, intended to contain artificial-intelligence and high-performing-computing facilities.

The application has been filed under the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act*.

### **Additional information about the application**

The application and any associated documents are publicly available and can be accessed from the eFiling System on the AUC website [www.auc.ab.ca](http://www.auc.ab.ca). Alternatively, for more information about what is being applied for, or for a copy of the application, please contact:

Heartland Power Generation LP  
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### **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.”

### **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.

### **Opportunity for Indigenous Knowledge sharing**

The Lac Ste. Anne Métis Community Association (LSAMCA), Samson Cree Nation, Whitefish (Goodfish) Lake First Nation #128, Ermineskin Cree Nation, and Louis Bull Tribe have standing in this proceeding. The Commission would like to know if there is interest in having oral Indigenous Knowledge sessions for the Elders, Knowledge holders and/or community members to provide their evidence in a manner that respects and upholds Traditional Knowledge sharing protocols. The Commission has set aside **May 25 to 29, 2026**, to facilitate one session per Indigenous group.

If an Indigenous group granted standing is interested in participating in an oral Indigenous Knowledge session, they are requested to notify the Commission **by April 8, 2026**.

Please include the following information:

- the amount of time requested (e.g., two to three hours);
- preferred location (i.e., AUC office in Calgary or hotel near the project location such as Edmonton or Fort Saskatchewan); and
- availability **between May 25 and 29, 2026**, to participate in such a session.

Depending on the requests received, the Commission may organize a technical session with parties to finalize logistics.

Should you have any questions, please contact Amanda Spyce, Indigenous Consultation Lead, at 403-592-4547 or by email at [amanda.spyce@auc.ab.ca](mailto:amanda.spyce@auc.ab.ca).

### **Participating in the hearing**

The Commission has determined that a written hearing process is appropriate in the circumstances to consider the application. In reaching this determination, the Commission considered that Indigenous groups have the option of providing their evidence through oral Indigenous Knowledge sessions, and that there are a limited number of landowner participants in the proceeding.

If you intend to file evidence, you must submit your written evidence **by May 22, 2026**. 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.

### **Letter of comment process for Friends of Michel Society**

The Friends of Michel Society (FMS) registered in the proceeding but was not granted standing. To provide FMS with a meaningful opportunity to share their perspectives, the Commission is offering an alternative process step through submission of a letter of comment.

Submission of a letter of comment is optional. It is intended to allow FMS an opportunity to supplement information filed in their statement of intent to participate (SIP). A letter of comment should not duplicate or substantially overlap with information already provided in a party's SIP. In other words, where a party has already provided the information that it wishes to share with the Commission in its SIP, submission of a letter of comment is neither required nor encouraged.

A letter of comment:

- will be placed on the public record for the proceeding and shared with all participants;
- will be reviewed and considered by the Commission panel assigned to hear and decide the proceeding; however, the Commission panel is not obligated to respond to or comment on its contents; and
- the Commission panel may, if necessary, issue written information requests to clarify the submission.

A template and submission instructions for a letter of comment are provided in Appendix A to this notice.

FMS may file a letter of comment in the eFiling System under Proceeding 30518 by **May 22, 2026**, for the Commission's consideration.

### **Summarized process schedule**

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

| <b>Process step</b>   | <b>Date*</b>       |
|---|--------------------|
| Notify the Commission regarding Indigenous Knowledge sessions | April 8, 2026      |
| Intervenors' information requests (IRs) to applicant          | April 20, 2026     |
| Applicant's responses to intervenors' IRs                     | May 4, 2026        |
| FMS may submit optional letter of comment                     | May 22, 2026       |
| Intervenors' written evidence                                 | May 22, 2026       |
| Placeholder for oral Indigenous Knowledge sessions            | May 25 to 29, 2026 |
| Applicant's and Commission's IRs to intervenors               | June 11, 2026      |
| Intervenors' responses to Applicant's and Commission's IRs    | June 25, 2026      |
| Applicant's written reply evidence                            | July 3, 2026       |
| Applicant's written argument                                  | July 10, 2026      |
| Intervenors' written argument                                 | July 17, 2026      |
| Applicant's written reply argument                            | July 23, 2026      |

\*All written submissions are due by 4 p.m.

Issued on March 27, 2026.

Alberta Utilities Commission



## **Appendix A – Template Letter of Comment**

(A letter of comment may be submitted in the eFiling System under Proceeding 30518 by May 22, 2026)

**Date:**

**Re: Proceeding 30518, Beacon AI Centers – Heartland Project Thermal Power Plant**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Affiliation / Organization (if any):** \_\_\_\_\_

### **1. Introduction / Position**

(State whether you support, oppose, or have concerns about the proposed development, and in broad terms what your perspective is.)

### **2. Basis for Interest**

(Briefly explain your interest in this proceeding — e.g. “I own property at [address] near the proposed development and may be impacted by the proposed project X and Y.”)

### **3. Comments / Observations**

(Provide concise, focused comments on the issues that you believe the Commission panel assigned to hear and decide this proceeding should consider.)

- Issue A: ...
- Issue B: ...
- Etc.

### **4. Requested Consideration / Relief**

(If applicable, state what you are asking the Commission panel to do — e.g. impose condition X, require additional mitigation, consider alternative route, incorporate modification Y, etc.)

**5. Did you use generative artificial intelligence (as defined in AUC Rule 001: *Rules of Practice*) in developing this letter of comment?** If yes, please explain how generative artificial intelligence was used and confirm the content of the letter has been verified by you for accuracy.

### **Notes / Disclaimers:**

- This letter of comment will be placed on the public record.
- The Commission panel or AUC staff may consider but have no obligation to respond to every point raised.
- Commenters do *not* receive rights to file evidence or to cross-examine on the applicant or other parties’ evidence.