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## **1 Decision summary**

1. In this decision, the Alberta Utilities Commission approved an application by NAT-1 GP Inc., on behalf of NAT-1 Limited Partnership, for a time extension to complete construction of a 20-megawatt natural gas-fired power plant in the Ralston, Alberta area (the power plant).

## **2 Introduction and background**

2. NAT-1 GP Inc. (NAT-1 GP), pursuant to Approval 20279-D02-2015,<sup>1</sup> has approval to construct and operate the power plant. Approval 20279-D02-2015 stipulated a completion date of January 31, 2016 for construction of the power plant.

3. NAT-1 GP, by Application 21450-A001 registered with the Commission on March 22, 2016, requested a time extension from January 31, 2016 to December 31, 2016, in order to complete construction of the power plant.

## **3 Discussion**

4. The power plant would be located north of Ralston, Alberta in Cypress Country, in the northeast quarter of Section 9, Township 16, Range 9, west of the Fourth Meridian.

5. NAT-1 GP submitted that it is currently experiencing some operational constraints in the power plant due to issues associated with the cooling system and emissions control. This has delayed the commissioning of the power plant. NAT-1 GP stated that additional time would be required to address the issues and allow the power plant to function properly. NAT-1 GP also stated that it would file a letter of enquiry if subsequent alterations are made to the power plant that require approval from the Commission.

## **4 Findings**

6. NAT-1 GP has provided information on the need, nature and the duration of the requested time extension. Based upon the information provided, NAT-1 GP has demonstrated that the requested time extension is of a minor nature, but necessary in order for NAT-1 GP to complete the power plant project.

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<sup>1</sup> Power Plant Approval 20279-D02-2015, Proceeding 20279, Application 20279-A001, May 14, 2015.

7. Due to the minor nature of the application, a notice of application was not issued and therefore a hearing was not required. The Commission considered that its decision would not directly and adversely affect the rights of a person pursuant to Section 9 of the *Alberta Utilities Commission Act*.
8. The Commission has reviewed the application and finds that given the circumstances no party would be adversely affected by NAT-1 GP's request, therefore a time extension to December 31, 2016 to complete construction of the power plant is reasonable.
9. In light of the considerations discussed above, the Commission finds the application to be in the public interest pursuant to Section 17 of the *Alberta Utilities Commission Act*.

## **5 Decision**

10. Pursuant to sections 11 and 19 of the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act*, the Commission approves the application and grants NAT-1 GP the approval set out in Appendix 1 – Power Plant Approval 21450-D02-2016 – April 11, 2016 (Appendix 1 will be distributed separately).

Dated on April 11, 2016.

### **Alberta Utilities Commission**

*(original signed by)*

Anne Michaud  
Commission Member