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## **1 Decision summary**

1. In this decision, the Alberta Utilities Commission must decide whether to approve an application from Shell Canada Limited (Shell) for a time extension to complete the Carmon Creek Power Plant Project that consists of the construction of a 690-megawatt (MW) natural gas-fired power plant and substation in Northern Sunrise County. After consideration of the record of the proceeding, and for the reasons outlined in this decision, the Commission finds that approval of the time extension is in the public interest having regard to the social, economic, and other effects of the project, including its effect on the environment.

## **2 Introduction**

2. Shell, pursuant to Approval U2014-98<sup>1</sup> and Permit and Licence U2014-99,<sup>2</sup> has approval to construct and operate the 690-MW natural gas-fired power plant and the Brock 232S Substation (the project), within the Shell Peace River in-situ expansion, Carmon Creek Project in Northern Sunrise County. The project is located approximately 40 kilometres northeast of the town of Peace River.

3. Shell, by applications 22177-A001 and 22177-A002, registered with the Commission on November 17, 2016, requested approval to extend the completion date of the project from December 31, 2016 to August 31, 2020.

## **3 Discussion**

4. Shell stated that in October 2015, it suspended development of the Carmon Creek Peace River Oilsands Project, including the power plant and substation. Shell is currently in the process of divesting the partially constructed power plant, substation and associated infrastructure. Shell requested an extension to the construction completion date to allow for the completion of the divestment process and the construction of the project.

5. Shell stated that it had consulted with representatives from Alberta Environment and Parks and Northern Sunrise County regarding the change to the construction completion date and that no concerns were identified.

6. Shell notified occupants, residents, landowners and interested parties regarding the time extension and was not aware of any concerns.

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<sup>1</sup> Power Plant Approval U2014-98, Proceeding 2787, Application 1610047, March 21, 2014.

<sup>2</sup> Substation Permit and Licence U2014-99, Proceeding 2787, Application 1610048, March 21, 2014.

## 4 Findings

7. Shell has provided information respecting the need, nature and the duration of the requested time extension. Based upon the information provided, the Commission finds that Shell has demonstrated that the requested time extension is necessary to complete construction of the project.

8. Due to the minor nature of the application, and no concerns arising from Shell's participant involvement program, 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*.

9. Given the considerations discussed above, the Commission considers the application to be in the public interest in accordance with Section 17 of the *Alberta Utilities Commission Act*. The Commission grants approval of a time extension to August 31, 2020 to complete construction of the project.

## 5 Decision

10. Pursuant to sections 11 and 19 of the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act*, the Commission approves the application and grants Shell the approval set out in Appendix 1 – Power Plant Approval 22177-D02-2016 – December 15, 2016, to extend the completion date of the power plant from December 31, 2016 to August 31, 2020.

11. Pursuant to sections 14, 15 and 19 of the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act*, the Commission approves the application and grants Shell the approval set out in Appendix 2 – Substation Permit and Licence 22177-D03-2016 – December 15, 2016, to extend the completion date of the Brock 232S Substation from December 31, 2016 to August 31, 2020.

Dated on December 15, 2016.

**Alberta Utilities Commission**

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Neil Jamieson  
Commission Member