

December 21, 2016

Decision 21483-D01-2016

Welsch Wind Power Inc.
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Attention: Hassan Shahriar

Welsch Wind Power Inc.
Welsch Wind Farm Project Time Extension to Complete Construction
Proceeding 21483
Applications 21483-A001 and 21483-A002

Interim time extension

1. On April 5, 2016, Welsch Wind Power Inc. (Welsch GP), registered with the Alberta Utilities Commission by applications 21483-A001 and 21483-A002, requesting approval of a time extension to complete construction of a 69-megawatt (MW) wind power plant and substation, collectively known as the Welsch Wind Farm Project (the project). The requested time extension was to June 30, 2018.
2. The proposed work is related to facilities previously approved by the Commission in Approval 20721-D02-2015¹ and Permit and Licence 20721-D03-2015,² which stipulated December 31, 2016 as the deadline date to complete the project.
3. On April 26, 2016, the Commission issued information requests regarding Welsch GP's consultation with Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) and its participant involvement program. Welsch GP responded to the information requests on May 9, 2016.
4. By letter dated June 7, 2016,³ the Commission informed Welsch GP that it had reviewed the information responses and considered that the responses did not contain the requested information. The Commission required that Welsch GP consult with AEP and complete a participant involvement program regarding the requested time extension.
5. On December 12, 2016, Welsch GP requested an interim extension.⁴ On December 15, 2016, Welsch GP submitted an amendment to the project, requesting approval to change the number and type of turbines used as well as a construction completion date of December 31, 2018.⁵

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

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

³ Exhibit 21483-X0009 AUC letter - consultation with AEP and conduct of participant involvement, June 7, 2016.

⁴ Exhibit 21483-X0013, Welsch email for interim extension request 2016-12-12, uploaded December 13, 2016.

⁵ Exhibit 21483-X0014, Time Extension and Power Plant Amendment, December 15, 2016.

6. By way of this letter, the Commission is granting an interim extension of Power Plant Approval 20721-D02-2015 and Substation Permit and Licence 20721-D03-2015 under Subsection 8(5) of the *Alberta Utilities Commission Act*, until a final decision is made on the extension application and the amendment application.

Alberta Utilities Commission

(original signed by)

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Commission Member