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Time Extension**

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1 Introduction

1. Heritage Wind Farm Development Inc. (Heritage), pursuant to approval No. [U2011-210](#),¹ has approval to construct and operate a 291 megawatt (MW) power plant designated as the Heritage wind farm power plant. The construction completion date for the power plant was stipulated to be on or before May 30, 2014.

2. Heritage, by Application No. 1610307, registered on February 5, 2014, filed an application with the Commission under sections 11 and 19 of the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act* requesting a time extension from May 30, 2014 to the fourth quarter of 2017.

2 Background

3. The power plant is located in the following locations:

- sections 1, 5, 8 and 10 of Township 8, Range 29, west of the Fourth Meridian
- sections 13, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 32 and 36 of Township 7, Range 29, west of the Fourth Meridian
- sections 18, 19, 20 and 21 of Township 7, Range 28, west of the Fourth Meridian

4. Heritage submitted that due to lack of a suitable remedial action scheme and transmission facilities in southern Alberta, the power plant would not be complete before May 30, 2014. Heritage anticipated that the Goose Lake/Castle Rock Ridge to Chapel Rock 240/500-kilovolt transmission line, which is required for the full production of the power plant, would not be fully operational until the fourth quarter of 2017.

3 Findings

5. Heritage has provided information respecting the need, nature and the duration of the requested time extension. Based upon the information provided, Heritage has demonstrated that the requested time extension is of a minor nature, but necessary in order for Heritage to complete the power plant.

6. 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*.

¹ Power Plant Approval No. U2011-210: Application No. 1480111, Proceeding ID No. 276, June 2, 2011.

7. Given the considerations discussed above, the Commission considers the application to be in the public interest pursuant to Section 17 of the *Alberta Utilities Commission Act*.

4 Decision

8. The Commission approves the application and, pursuant to sections 11 and 19 of the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act*, grants Heritage the approval set out in Appendix 1 – Power Plant Approval No. U2014-70 – February 21, 2014 (Appendix 1 will be distributed separately).

Dated on February 21, 2014.

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