



Millar Western Forest Products Ltd.

Time Extension to Complete 5.2-MW Biogas Power Plant

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1 Introduction

1. Millar Western Forest Products Ltd. (Millar Western), pursuant to Approval No. [U2013-625](#),¹ is the owner of a 5.2-megawatt biogas power plant located on its existing manufacturing site in the town of Whitecourt, Alberta.

2. Millar Western filed Application No. 1610627 on May 30, 2014, with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC or the Commission) requesting approval of a time extension, from March 31, 2015 to December 31, 2015, in order to complete construction of the power plant.

2 Discussion

3. Millar Western stated that additional time was required due to pipe fabrication delays presently being experienced in Alberta and its desire to avoid work during the costly winter construction season. Millar Western reiterated its full commitment to the bioenergy effluent project on the basis of its many environmental and economic benefits and to the delivery of high-quality bioenergy system.

4. Due to the routine nature of the time extension application, no notice of application was issued by the AUC.

3 Findings

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

6. No notice of application was provided because the Commission considered that no person would be directly and adversely impacted by the time extension.

7. 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 the approval of the requested time extension to complete construction of the power plant.

¹ Approval No. U2013-625, Application No. 1610125, Proceeding No. 2948, December 4, 2013.

4 Decision

8. Pursuant to sections 11 and 19 of the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act*, the Commission approves the application and grants Millar Western the approval set out in Appendix 1 – Power Plant Approval No. U2014-261– June 18, 2014 (Appendix 1 will be distributed separately).

Dated on June 18, 2014.

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