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1 Introduction

1. MEG Energy Corp. (MEG) filed a facility application with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC or the Commission) on May 1, 2013, registered as Application No. 1609546 and Proceeding ID No. 2580, pursuant to Section 18 of the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act*. MEG requested approval to connect an 85-megawatt (MW) co-generation power plant (Phase 2B Cogen 2 power plant) to the MEG-owned Conklin 762S substation which, in turn, is connected to the Alberta Interconnected Electric System in the South Athabasca oil sands area.
2. Conklin 762S substation is located on privately-owned land in the north half of Section 9 and the south half of Section 16, Township 77, Range 5, west of the Fourth Meridian.

2 Application process

3. The Alberta Electric System Operator endorsed the system studies completed by MEG's consultant and was satisfied that the proposed connection would not affect the reliability of the Alberta Interconnected Electric System nor would the connection adversely impact the Alberta Interconnected Electric System.
4. The Commission issued a notice of application for Proceeding ID No. 2580 on June 17, 2013, with a deadline date of June 25, 2013, for submissions to express objections, concerns or support for the application. The notice was sent to market participants rather than to nearby landowners since the application is solely for the connection of the Phase 2B Cogen 2 power plant.

3 Findings

5. No objections were received in response to the notice of application by the June 25, 2013, submission deadline.
6. The Commission has reviewed the application and determined that the technical requirements of the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act* and AUC Rule 007: *Applications for Power Plants, Substations, Transmission Lines, and Industrial System Designations* (AUC Rule 007) have been met.
7. Based on the foregoing, the Commission finds the proposed connection to be in the public interest in accordance with Section 17 of the *Alberta Utilities Commission Act*.

4 Decision

8. Pursuant to Section 18 of the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act*, the Commission approves Application No. 1609546 and grants MEG the approval set out in Appendix 1 – Connection Order No. U2013-304 – June 28, 2013, regarding the connection of the Phase 2B Cogen 2 power plant.

9. The appendix will be distributed separately.

Dated on June 28, 2013.

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