

# Notice of hearing

## WaterCharger Battery Storage Project

### TA Alberta Hydro Inc. has filed an application to construct and operate a power plant in the Ghost Lake area

**Proceeding 27109**  
**Application 27109-A001**

The Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC), the independent utilities regulator, will be holding a hearing to review the application and submissions received to consider the battery energy storage power plant development application in Proceeding 27109.

**Written evidence is due June 24, 2022.**

TA Alberta Hydro Inc. has applied to construct and operate a 180-megawatt battery energy storage power plant, to be designated as the WaterCharger Battery Storage Project, under the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act*. The power plant would be located in the southeast quarter of Section 13, Township 26, Range 6, west of the Fifth Meridian, approximately 15 kilometres west of the town of Cochrane.

#### **Additional information about the application**

The application and any associated documents are publicly available and can be accessed from the eFiling System on the AUC website [www.auc.ab.ca](http://www.auc.ab.ca). Alternatively, for more information about what is being applied for, or for a copy of the application, please contact:

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#### **Information session**

The AUC holds information sessions to provide information about how to have your say and become involved in its proceedings. The AUC is prepared to provide a virtual session on May 25, 2022, about options for participating in this proceeding and the local intervener funding that may be available to you to support your participation, if requested by individuals or groups granted standing or other participation rights in the proceeding. Please contact the lead application officer, Sophie Jiang at 403-592-4418 or [sophie.jiang@auc.ab.ca](mailto:sophie.jiang@auc.ab.ca) by May 20, 2022, if you want to participate in the information session.

For more information about how you may become involved in this proceeding, please contact us or visit our website and review the information under “Get involved,” “AUC review process steps” and “Review process for facility applications.”

### **Submissions**

If you wish to participate in this proceeding, please visit our website and log in to the eFiling System, go to Proceeding 27109, and register to participate under the “registered parties” tab. Alternatively, please contact us at 310-4AUC (310-4282) in Alberta or [info@auc.ab.ca](mailto:info@auc.ab.ca) for more information or assistance with filing your submission.

Submissions must include your name, address, phone number, legal land location, description of your land in relation to the proposed development and a description of your interest in the land, your business, or your activities which may be affected by the proposed project. Please also briefly describe the issues you would like the AUC to consider when making its decision.

Only parties that have filed participation submissions and have been granted local intervener standing may be eligible for funding and to fully participate in the hearing.

### **Privacy**

To support an open and transparent process, information you send to the AUC will be publicly available to anyone registered in this proceeding. If there is confidential information you would like to file, a request must be made in advance of filing your submission.

### **Hearing**

The Commission will host a virtual oral hearing, commencing on August 3, 2022, at 10 a.m.

The virtual oral hearing will be held remotely using a video conferencing platform. Participants are responsible for ensuring that they have access to all documentary evidence filed on the record of the proceeding, either through the eFiling System or in their preferred format. Further information about the virtual hearing process will be issued separately.

The Commission will also hold a test session on July 26, 2022, at 10 a.m., so that any technological issues can be detected and resolved in advance of the hearing. All hearing participants are required to participate in the test session.

Commission staff will contact the hearing participants and will send email invitations that include the link to access the test session and hearing.

### **Participating in the hearing**

If you have been granted standing and intend to present evidence at the hearing, you must submit your written evidence by June 24, 2022, and be available on the video conferencing platform at the commencement of the hearing. Your written evidence should include your statement about your intended level of participation, including whether you or your representative will:

- Virtually attend the hearing.
- Cross-examine any of the applicant’s witness panels.

Written evidence can be reports prepared by experts or written information (including maps, charts, photographs and narrative statements) prepared by an intervener personally, and clearly identified as such. Any report that was prepared by an expert, and which is being filed in support of an intervener’s position, must clearly state the qualifications of the expert and the name of the intervener who directed that the report be prepared. Please be aware that the author of any report

or other written evidence that an intervener expects the Commission to rely upon must be available to be cross-examined at the hearing.

**Summarized process schedule**

The Commission has established the following process to consider the application:

<b>Process step</b>	<b>Due date</b>
Interveners' information requests to applicant	May 30, 2022
Applicant's responses to interveners' information requests	June 10, 2022
Interveners' written evidence	June 24, 2022
Applicant's information requests to interveners	July 4, 2022
Interveners' responses to applicant's information requests	July 18, 2022
Applicant's written reply evidence	July 25, 2022
Hearing test session	July 26, 2022
Hearing period	August 3 to August 5, 2022

Issued on May 16, 2022.

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