

Electronic Notification

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On October 19, 2011, the Honorable Ted Morton, Minister of Energy, wrote to the Chair of the Commission to advise that the Government of Alberta was reviewing its approach to three critical transmission infrastructure projects, including the Heartland transmission project. Minister Morton requested that the Commission suspend or adjourn its consideration of the applications for these three projects, including the Heartland application, while the government's review is ongoing. A copy of Minister Morton's letter is attached.

The outcome of the government's review of its approach to critical transmission infrastructure may or may not have implications for the Heartland application and the Commission's consideration of that application. Accordingly, the Commission has decided to suspend its consideration of the Heartland application in accordance with the Minister's request.

Under section 15.2 of the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act*, the Commission must issue its decision on the Heartland application in a timely manner and, if possible, within 180 days after the receipt of a complete application. If the Commission cannot issue its decision within that period it must advise the applicants and the public that it will not be issuing the decision within that time and provide an estimate of when it is likely to issue its decision.

The Commission hereby advises the Heartland applicants and the public that it will not issue its decision on the Heartland application on or before October 24, 2011. The Commission estimates that it will issue its decision on the Heartland application following the government's review of its approach to the three critical transmission infrastructure projects in question.

Yours truly,

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