

Notice of hearing

Laramide Battery Energy Storage Facility and Connection

2569059 Alberta Inc. (Enfinite), the Alberta Electric System Operator and AltaLink Management Ltd. have filed applications for a battery energy storage facility and electric transmission development in Foothills County

Proceeding 28906
Applications 28906-A001 to 28906-A006

The Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC), the independent utilities regulator, will be holding a hearing to consider the energy storage facility and electric transmission development applications in Proceeding 28906.

Written evidence is due July 7, 2025, at 4 p.m.

A virtual oral hearing is scheduled to commence on September 22, 2025, at 10 a.m.

2569059 Alberta Inc. (Enfinite), under the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act*, has applied to construct and operate the 100-megawatt Laramide Battery Energy Storage Facility and the Laramide 1172S Substation. These facilities are proposed to be constructed on either a preferred or an alternate site within Section 18, Township 19, Range 27, west of the Fourth Meridian, approximately seven kilometres east of High River, in Foothills County. The Commission may approve either of the proposed sites.

The Alberta Electric System Operator has applied for approval, under the *Electric Utilities Act*, of the need to connect Enfinite's proposed Laramide Battery Storage Facility to the Alberta Interconnected Electric System.

Enfinite and AltaLink Management Ltd. have filed applications under the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act* to meet the need identified by the Alberta Electric System Operator.

Enfinite has applied to construct the approximately one-kilometre-long, 240-kilovolt Transmission Line 1141L to connect the Laramide 1172S Substation with AltaLink's existing Foothills 237S Substation. If approved, the transmission line would be jointly operated by Enfinite and AltaLink until the transmission line is transferred to AltaLink in a future application to the AUC. Enfinite has proposed overhead and alternate underground transmission line routing options. The Commission may approve any one of the proposed routes.

AltaLink has applied to connect the proposed Transmission Line 1141L to its existing Foothills 237S Substation and to alter its substation by adding two circuit breakers and other associated equipment.

The maps included in this notice identify the locations of the proposed facilities.

Additional information about the applications

The applications and any associated documents are publicly available and can be accessed from the eFiling System on the AUC website www.auc.ab.ca. Basic information about the project can also be found on the AUC website under “Applications > Featured applications.” Alternatively, for more information about what is being applied for, or for a copy of the applications, please contact:

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Hearing

The AUC will host a virtual oral hearing, commencing on **September 22, 2025, 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 AUC will also hold a test session on **September 15, 2025, at 5 p.m.**, so that any technological issues can be resolved in advance of the hearing. All hearing participants are required to participate in the test session.

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

Participation in the hearing

If you intend to present evidence at the hearing, you must submit your written evidence by **July 7, 2025**, and be present 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:

- 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 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 was to 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.

Hearing scoping

The AUC intends to follow a streamlined approach to facilitate the most efficient use of the oral hearing and intends to do so after it receives interveners' evidence. This will include scoping out issues from the oral hearing and limiting oral hearing time. Scoping out issues from the oral hearing means limiting issues that can be explored at the oral hearing and that parties will not have an opportunity to orally cross-examine on these issues. To be clear, the Commission will rely on the written record, including the applications, intervener written evidence, responses to information requests, and the applicants' reply evidence, when considering issues that are scoped out of the oral hearing. There will also be time limits for direct evidence and cross-examination. This scoping is expressly contemplated in Section 14.5 of Rule 001: *Rules of Practice*, which allows the Commission to issue any procedural directions it considers necessary, including restricting the scope of the hearing.

Accordingly, parties should ensure, to the extent possible, that they have sufficiently tested the evidence on the record through the written information request process. This does not limit the issues that may be addressed in argument.

Further participant information

The AUC will also be holding a virtual information session on **June 3, 2025, at 6 p.m.** to provide general information about how you may become involved in this proceeding and the funding which may be available to you to support your position, which includes costs for legal representation and expert witnesses. Information specific to the project will not be discussed and participating in the information session is not mandatory.

For more information about how you may become involved in this proceeding, or if you would like to participate in the information session, please contact us or visit our website and review the information under "Get involved." The lead application officer, Chad Bergeron, can also be contacted at 403-592-4534 or by email at chad.bergeron@auc.ab.ca.

Register to participate by filing a statement of intent to participate

If you wish to participate in this proceeding, please visit our website and log in to the eFiling System, go to Proceeding 28906, and register to participate under the "registered parties" tab. You will be prompted to fill out a statement of intent to participate. For guidance on how to use the eFiling System, please visit www.auc.ab.ca/how-to-use-efiling. Alternatively, please contact us at 310-4AUC (310-4282) in Alberta or info@auc.ab.ca for more information or assistance with filing your statement of intent to participate.

Statements of intent to participate must include your name, address, phone number, legal land location, description of your land in relation to the proposed development and a description of how you, your land, your business, or your activities 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 statements of intent to participate and have been granted standing may be eligible for funding and to fully participate in the hearing.

The AUC must consider the Alberta Electric System Operator's assessment of the need to be correct unless someone satisfies the Commission that the needs application is technically deficient, or that to approve it would be contrary to the public interest.

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 registering to participate.

Summarized process schedule

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

Process step	Date*
Virtual participant information session	June 3, 2025, 6 p.m.
Deadline for interveners to file information requests (questions) to the applicants	June 9, 2025
Applicants' deadline to respond to information requests	June 23, 2025
Intervenors' written evidence deadline	July 7, 2025
Information requests to intervenors about intervenor evidence	July 23, 2025
Intervenors' deadline to respond to information requests	August 12, 2025
Applicants' reply evidence deadline	August 25, 2025
Virtual connection test session	September 15, 2025, 5 p.m.
Commencement of hearing	September 22, 2025, 10 a.m.

* All submissions are due by 4 p.m.

Issued on May 23, 2025.

Alberta Utilities Commission

