AUC
Alberta Utilities Commission

MAGA Energy Ltd. and SAIDI (Canada) Ltd.

Nine-Megawatt Natural Gas-Fired Power Plant Time Extension

November 13, 2025

Alberta Utilities Commission
Decision 30359-D01-2025
MAGA Energy Ltd. and SAIDI (Canada) Ltd.
Nine-Megawatt Natural Gas-Fired Power Plant Time Extension
Proceeding 30359
Application 30359-A001

November 13, 2025

Published by the:
Alberta Utilities Commission
Eau Claire Tower
1400, 600 Third Avenue S.W.
Calgary, Alberta T2P 0G5

Telephone: 310-4AUC (310-4282 in Alberta)
1-833-511-4AUC (1-833-511-4282 outside Alberta)
Email: info@auc.ab.ca
Website: www.auc.ab.ca

The Commission may, no later than 60 days from the date of this decision and without notice, correct typographical, spelling and calculation errors and other similar types of errors and post the corrected decision on its website.

Contents

1 Decision summary 1

2 Application 1

3 Findings 2

4 Decision 3

MAGA Energy Ltd. and SAIDI (Canada) Ltd.
Nine-Megawatt Natural Gas-Fired Power Plant
Time Extension

Decision 30359-D01-2025
Proceeding 30359
Application 30359-A001

1 Decision summary

1. In this decision, the Alberta Utilities Commission approves an application from MAGA Energy Ltd. and SAIDI (Canada) Ltd. to extend the completion date of the nine-megawatt natural gas-fired power plant to April 1, 2026.

2 Application

2. MAGA and SAIDI, pursuant to Approval 30046-D02-2025,[1] have approval to construct and operate a nine-megawatt natural gas-fired power plant, located in Westlock County.

3. MAGA and SAIDI filed an application with the Commission for approval to extend the construction completion date of the project from August 31, 2025, to April 1, 2026. The Commission originally approved the project on June 27, 2025. This is the first time extension requested for the project.

4. MAGA and SAIDI stated that construction of the project has not yet commenced due to delays in the Westlock County Development Permit approval process. Westlock County asked MAGA and SAIDI to receive approvals from the AUC prior to proceeding further with the development permit application process.

5. MAGA and SAIDI submitted the following project schedule:

- If no hearing is required from the Land and Property Rights Tribunal (LPRT):
  - Expected construction start date: November 6, 2025
  - Requested construction date of the berm to be used in the project approval: December 1, 2025
  - Expected in-service date: December 15, 2025

- If a hearing is required from the LPRT (the timeline is contingent on the schedule set forth by the LPRT):
  - Expected construction start date: March 1, 2026
  - Requested construction date of the berm to be used in the project approval: March 15, 2026
  - Expected in-service date: April 1, 2026

[1] Power Plant Approval 30046-D02-2025, Proceeding 30046, Application 30046-A001, June 27, 2025.

6. MAGA and SAIDI confirmed that the most affected dwelling(s) has not changed and there are no new energy-related facilities that will influence the sound levels within a 1.5-kilometre radius of the approved facility boundary.

7. MAGA and SAIDI confirmed that the participant involvement program meets the requirements in Rule 007: *Applications for Power Plants, Substations, Transmission Lines, Industrial System Designations, Hydro Developments and Gas Utility Pipelines*. A notification was sent out within a 1.5-kilometre radius from the boundary of the project in April 2025.

8. MAGA and SAIDI confirmed that the project does not require a wildlife survey as they are building the berm within an already existing oil and gas lease owned by MAGA.

3 Findings

9. MAGA and SAIDI have provided information respecting the need, nature and the duration of the requested time extension which supports its request for an extension. The Commission approves a time extension to April 1, 2026, for the completion of the project.

10. MAGA and SAIDI submitted that they have carried out the following tasks:

- completed an open house for the Town of Westlock to support the Development Permit Application on August 6, 2025
- received an approved Roadside Development Permit from the Alberta government on September 12, 2025, after the Open House as part of the supporting documentation for the Development Permit Application

11. In the information response,[2] MAGA and SAIDI submitted that the Council members had more questions regarding the project and the Council members decided to table the Development Permit Application until a future Municipal Planning Commission (MPC) meeting. This will allow the Council members to prepare the questions for MAGA and SAIDI. Westlock County will also submit MAGA and SAIDI's responses to Westlock County's engineering firm, McElhanney, to confirm whether Westlock County has follow-up questions as well.

12. MAGA and SAIDI indicated that they are currently waiting on whether there will be a second round of questions from Westlock County. Next, MAGA and SAIDI will confirm whether they can table the Development Permit Application as part of the MPC meeting, scheduled for November 20, 2025. If the application is approved during the MPC meeting, it will proceed with a 21-day appeal period where Westlock County will notify the 1.5-kilometre radius of the site regarding the approved project. If no appeal is received during the 21 days, MAGA and SAIDI can commence construction. If there is an appeal received, the application will have to proceed with a hearing with the LPRT. MAGA and SAIDI added that the project timeline is difficult to estimate as the schedule is dependent on the LPRT.

[2] Exhibit 30359-X0009, MAGA/SAIDI Responses to AUC Information Request.

13. The Commission imposes the following condition of approval:

- MAGA and SAIDI shall provide an update regarding the Westlock County development permit approval for the project by January 31, 2026.

14. The Commission notes that the completion date for the project was August 31, 2025, and that MAGA and SAIDI filed the time extension application on October 10, 2025. The Commission emphasizes the importance of following the requirements as indicated in Rule 007, and that Commission approval of a project does not relieve an applicant of its obligations to follow other legislation or regulations where applicable, including land-use planning requirements. The Commission advises that should MAGA and SAIDI submit a future time extension application, it should be done well in advance of the approved construction completion date to give the Commission sufficient time to consider the request.

4 Decision

15. Pursuant to sections 11 and 19 of the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act*, the Commission approves Application 30359-A001 and grants MAGA Energy Ltd. and SAIDI (Canada) Ltd. the approval set out in Appendix 1 – Power Plant Approval 30359-D02-2025 to construct and operate the nine-megawatt natural gas-fired power plant.

16. The appendix will be distributed separately.

Dated on November 13, 2025.

Alberta Utilities Commission

(original signed by)

Maureen Higgins
Acting Commission Member