

# Notice of hearing

## Keephills Unit 1 Repowering Project

### TransAlta Corporation has filed an application for a gas-fired combined-cycle power plant in the Wabamun-Keephills area

**Proceeding 30511**  
**Application 30511-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 power plant development application in Proceeding 30511.

**Written evidence is due May 19, 2026.**

**The nature and timing of the hearing have not been determined at this time.**

TransAlta Corporation has applied to repower the Keephills Unit 1 power plant, which is currently unused and was formerly a coal-fired power plant. TransAlta Corporation is proposing to convert Keephills Unit 1 into a gas-fired combined-cycle power plant, and the project would consist of two new combustion turbine generators and two new heat recovery steam generators that would be integrated into the existing infrastructure at the plant, including the existing steam turbine, to produce electricity and steam. The project would have a rated capacity of 829 megawatts and would be located entirely within the existing Keephills Power Plant footprint and fenceline. More specifically, Keephills Unit 1 would be located in the east half of Section 36, Township 51, Range 4, west of the Fifth Meridian approximately five kilometres south of Wabamun Lake and 50 kilometres southwest of Edmonton. The application has been filed under the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act*.

#### **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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## **Participant information**

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.”

## **New participant submissions**

If you wish to participate in this proceeding, please visit our website and log in to the eFiling System, go to Proceeding 30511, 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](http://www.auc.ab.ca/how-to-use-efiling). 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 statement of intent to participate. The lead application officer, Victor Choy, can also be contacted at [victor.choy@auc.ab.ca](mailto:victor.choy@auc.ab.ca) or 403-592-4439.

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.

## **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.

## **Hearing and participation**

The Commission has not determined the type of hearing or the full schedule at this time. To keep the proceeding moving, the Commission has established the process steps up to the testing of intervenor evidence. Please refer to the summarized process schedule below. The Commission will communicate the details of the hearing at a later date.

If you intend to present evidence at the hearing, you must submit your written evidence by **May 19, 2026**, 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 intervenor personally, and clearly identified as such. Any report that was prepared by an expert, and which is being filed in support of an intervenor’s position, must clearly state the qualifications of the expert and the name of the intervenor who directed that the report was to be prepared. Please be aware that the author of any report or other written evidence that an intervenor expects the Commission to rely upon must be available to be cross-examined at the hearing.

Should the Commission proceed with an oral hearing, the Commission intends to follow a streamlined approach to facilitate the most efficient use of the oral hearing and will do this after it receives interveners' evidence. This will include scoping out issues from the oral hearing where the Commission is satisfied that the written evidentiary record is sufficient and limiting oral hearing time. Scoping out issues from the oral hearing means limiting issues that can be explored at the hearing and that parties will not have an opportunity to orally cross-examine on these issues. There will be time limits for cross-examination and direct evidence. 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 discussed in argument.

### **Summarized process schedule**

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

| <b>Process step</b>                                                 | <b>Date*</b>   |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| TransAlta responses to Commission information requests              | April 10, 2026 |
| Intervenors' information requests (questions) to applicant deadline | April 20, 2026 |
| Applicant's deadline to respond to information requests             | May 1, 2026    |
| Intervenors' written evidence deadline                              | May 19, 2026   |
| Information requests to intervenors about intervenor evidence       | May 29, 2026   |
| Intervenors' deadline to respond to information requests            | June 8, 2026   |

\* All written submissions are due by 4 p.m.

Grey highlighted area indicates it will only be in the mail out and will not appear in the newspaper.

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