

# Notice of information session and hearing Synapse Data Center Power Plant Project

**Synapse Real Estate Corp has filed an application for a 1,400-megawatt natural gas-fired power plant with 1,800 megawatts of emergency and backup diesel generation to power a data centre in the town of Olds, Alberta**

**Proceeding 30732  
Application 30732-A001**

The Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC), the independent utilities regulator, will be holding an information session and a hearing to review the application and submissions received to consider the power plant development application in Proceeding 30732.

**You can request to participate by registering and filing a statement of intent to participate by May 29, 2026.**

**Written evidence is due August 4, 2026.**

Synapse Real Estate Corp has applied to construct and operate a combined-cycle natural gas-fired power plant with a nominal capacity of approximately 1,400 megawatts (MW) as well as 1,800 MW of emergency and backup diesel generation (the power plant). The power plant will not be connected to the Alberta Interconnection Electric System but will be used to power the on-site data centre load. The application has been filed under the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act*.

The power plant would be located on the northwest and southwest quarters of Section 4, Township 33, Range 1, west of the Fifth Meridian, east of Highway 2A, in the northeast section of the town of Olds. The map included in this notice identifies the location of the proposed power plant.

## **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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For more information about participating in this proceeding contact:  
Victor Choy at 403-592-4439 or email your questions to [victor.choy@auc.ab.ca](mailto:victor.choy@auc.ab.ca).

### **Participant information session**

The AUC will be holding an information session to provide 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. The project and its merits will not be discussed at this session:

Pomeroy Inn & Suites at Olds College  
Centennial Room B and C  
4601 46th Avenue, Olds, Alberta  
Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

If you cannot attend the information session but want to learn more about the review process or 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.”

### **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 30732, 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.

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.

### **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.

### **Participating in the hearing**

The Commission has not determined the full proceeding 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 **August 4, 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 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 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.

The AUC 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:

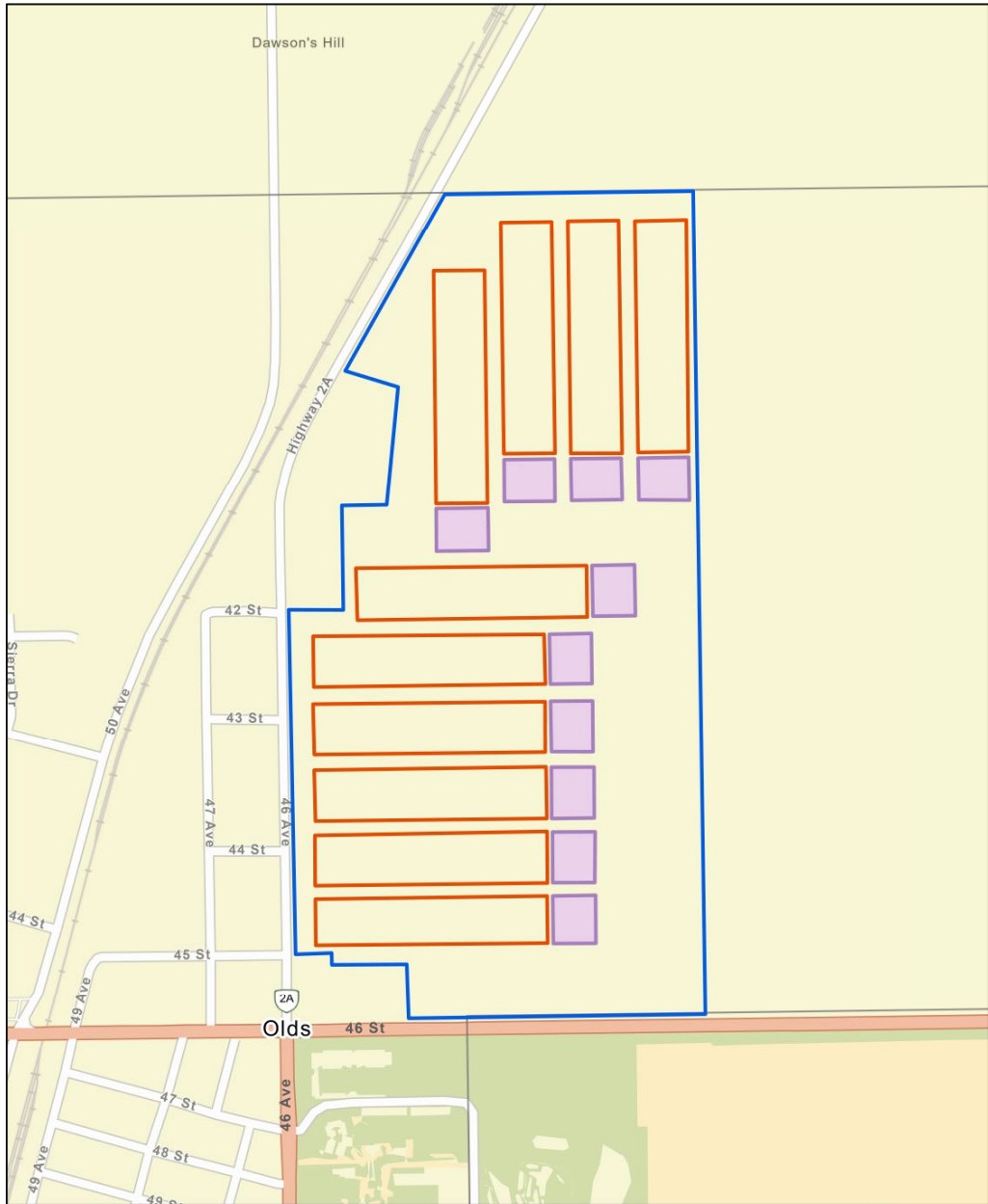
| <b>Process step</b>   | <b>Date*</b>            |
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| Information session   | May 21, 2026, 5:30 p.m. |
| Statement of intent to participate submission                       | May 29, 2026            |
| Interveners’ information requests (questions) to applicant deadline | June 26, 2026           |
| Applicant’s deadline to respond to information requests             | July 10, 2026           |
| Interveners’ written evidence deadline                              | August 4, 2026          |
| Information requests to interveners about intervener evidence       | August 18, 2026         |
| Interveners’ deadline to respond to information requests            | September 1, 2026       |

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

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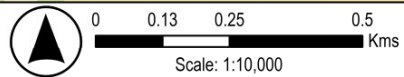


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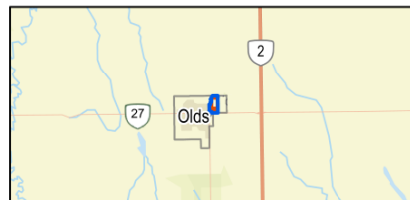
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- Project Boundary
- Data Centre
- Power Plant



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### Synapse Data Center Natural Gas-Fired Power Plant



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