

Notice of applications and hearing Collisard Power Station and Transmission Line Project

Northland Power Collisard GP Inc. has filed applications for the Collisard Power Station Project in Red Deer County

The Alberta Electric System Operator, Northland Power Collisard GP Inc. and AltaLink Management Ltd. have filed applications to connect the Collisard Power Station Project to the Alberta Interconnected Electric System

**Proceeding 30450
Applications 30450-A001 to 30450-A006**

The Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC), the independent utilities regulator, will be holding a hearing to review the applications and submissions received to consider the power plant, needs identification document and electric transmission development in Proceeding 30450. If you feel you may be affected by these applications, you can request to participate and provide input to the AUC before it makes its decision.

The AUC previously issued a notice of applications for the Collisard Power Station Project. The AUC is now issuing a combined notice of applications for the connection and notice of hearing for the project as a whole. The connection and power plant applications were merged into a single proceeding as there are overlapping issues between the applications and the AUC determined that hearing the applications in a single proceeding would promote regulatory efficiency and allow the Commission to consider the entire project as a whole.

You can request to participate in the proceeding by registering and filing a statement of intent to participate by May 27, 2026. In your statement of intent to participate, please indicate which of the applications your concerns relate to.

If you have already filed a statement of intent to participate in the power plant application and you also have concerns about the needs identification document and/or the transmission line applications, please file a letter by May 27, 2026, outlining your additional concerns.

A virtual oral hearing is scheduled to commence the week of September 14, 2026.

Northland Power Collisard GP Inc., on behalf of Collisard Power L.P., has applied to construct and operate the Collisard Power Station Project that would consist of a 124.3-megawatt natural gas power plant and a substation, designated as the Collisard 1079S Substation. The project would be located within Red Deer County, approximately five kilometres south of Benalto, within Legal Subdivision 2, Section 2, Township 38, Range 3, west of the Fifth Meridian. The applications were made under the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act*.

The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) has applied, under the *Electric Utilities Act*, for approval of the need to connect the Collisard Power Station Project to the Alberta Interconnected Electric System. The AESO's needs identification document application relates to whether there is a need to connect the power plant to the transmission system and the AESO's proposed technical solution to meet that need.

Northland Power Collisard GP Inc. and AltaLink Management Ltd. have applied to connect the power plant to the Alberta Interconnected Electric System. Northland Power proposed to construct one approximately 5.7-kilometre, 138-kilovolt transmission line, designated as Transmission Line 609L, from the proposed Collisard 1079S Substation to the Benalto 17S Substation. Northland Power has proposed a preferred and an alternate route for the transmission line. The Commission may approve either of the proposed routes. AltaLink has applied to connect Northland Power's proposed transmission line to its existing Benalto 17S Substation by adding one new circuit breaker within the substation fenceline. The applications have been filed under the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act*.

The map included in this notice identifies the location of the proposed facilities.

Additional information about the applications

Basic information about the Collisard Power Station and Transmission Line Project can be found on the AUC website under "Applications > Featured 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. Alternatively, for more information about what is being applied for, or for a copy of the applications, please contact:

Collisard Power L.P. c/o ASCENT Energy Partners Ltd. Jennifer Traichel Phone: 587-216-0696 Email: jennifer@ascentpartners.ca	Alberta Electric System Operator Brenda Hill Phone: 403-539-2850 Email: brenda.hill@aeso.ca	AltaLink Management Ltd. AltaLink Regulatory Phone: 403-267-5909 Email: regulatory@altalink.ca
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Participant information session

The AUC held an information session on April 10, 2026, for interveners who registered to participate in the power plant application.

If requested, the AUC will hold another virtual information session for new interveners 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 would not be discussed at this session. If you are interested in attending an information session, please contact the lead application officer, Kyle Surgenor, at 403-592-4386 or by email at kyle.surgenor@auc.ab.ca, by **June 5, 2026**.

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.”

Hearing

The AUC will host a virtual oral hearing the week of **September 14, 2026**.

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 8, 2026, at 10 a.m.**, so that any technological issues can be detected and 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.

Participating in the hearing

If you intend to present evidence at the hearing, you must submit your written evidence by **July 20, 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 consultants 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 a consultant, and which is being filed in support of an intervener’s position, must clearly state the qualifications of the consultant 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. This may 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. For issues that are scoped out from the oral hearing, 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 these issues. There will also be time limits for direct evidence and cross-examination. 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.

The lead application officer, Kyle Surgenor, can also be contacted at 403-592-4386 or email your questions to kyle.surgenor@auc.ab.ca.

Register to participate by filing a statement of intent to participate

If you wish to participate in this proceeding and have not yet filed a statement of intent to participate, please visit our website and log in to the eFiling System, go to Proceeding 30450, and register to participate under the “registered parties” tab. 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.

Only parties that have filed a statement 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 filing your submission.

Summarized process schedule

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

Process step	Date*
Northland Power deadline to respond to April 23, 2026, information requests	May 14, 2026
Intervenors’ statement of intent to participate deadline	May 27, 2026
Intervenors’ information requests (questions) to applicants deadline	June 17, 2026
Applicants’ deadline to respond to information requests	July 3, 2026
Intervenors’ written evidence deadline	July 20, 2026
Information requests to intervenors about intervenor evidence	August 4, 2026
Intervenors’ deadline to respond to information requests	August 18, 2026
Applicants’ reply evidence deadline	August 31, 2026
Virtual hearing test session	September 8, 2026, at 10 a.m.
Commencement of hearing	Week of September 14, 2026

* All submissions are due by 4 p.m.

Issued on April 30, 2026.

Alberta Utilities Commission

