AUC
Alberta Utilities Commission

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Alberta Digital Energy 1 ULC
Northern Forge Power Plant
Proceeding 31066
Application 31066-A001

Application closure

1. On September 16, 2026, Alberta Digital Energy 1 ULC registered an application with the Alberta Utilities Commission for a new power plant development in Woodlands County.

2. As stated in Section 17 of Rule 001: *Rules of Practice*:

> 17.1 The Commission may, at any time during a proceeding,
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> (a) place an application into abeyance and suspend the proceeding; or
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> (b) in the case where the Commission determines that it cannot continue to process an application, dismiss the application with an explanation of the dismissal and close the proceeding.[1]

3. Upon detailed review of the submitted application documents, the Commission has decided to close the application without prejudice to Alberta Digital Energy reapplying in the future. The application, including the supporting documents, contains numerous deficiencies and does not comply with Rule 007: *Facility Applications*.

4. The Commission will not itemize those deficiencies in detail because the Commission expects that application materials, when filed, will be clear and comprehensive, and that the applicant will identify how it has met the requirements in Rule 007, explain any exceptions for the Commission's consideration and employ experienced professionals who have the appropriate expertise for applying the regulatory framework in Alberta.

5. These deficiencies stem from the lack of information in the environmental submissions that were filed as part of the application. The environmental submissions are generic in nature

[1] Rule 001: *Rules of Practice*, PDF page 11.

and have not provided information that demonstrates that the project's environmental effects have been adequately considered, assessed or mitigated. There appears to be an over analysis of soils and an under analysis of other environmental impacts. Without a proper focus on pertinent environmental impacts and a coherent link between the environmental evaluation and environmental protection plan, the Commission is hindered from assessing environmental sensitivities and project mitigations. In particular, it is unclear whether guidance for environmental mitigations and setbacks on Crown land was considered.

6. Given the major deficiencies in the environmental submissions, proceeding with the current application would not be efficient for either the Commission or Alberta Digital Energy. If Alberta Digital Energy chooses to reapply in the future, it will be required to review its application materials and the information requirements in Rule 007 and ensure that its application complies with the most recent version of Rule 007.

7. When deciding on a submitted application, the Commission reviews and considers all the information contained in the application. However, a complete application is also essential for others. Pursuant to Section 9 of the *Alberta Utilities Commission Act*, this includes any person whose rights may be directly and adversely affected, as well as any persons granted standing or participation rights in a hearing before the Commission.

8. As noted above, the Commission's closure of this proceeding is without prejudice to any future application. The Commission strongly encourages Alberta Digital Energy to refamiliarize itself with the legislative and regulatory requirements applicable to power plants, including the requirements of Rule 007.

9. Should you have any questions, please contact Elaine Chu by email at elaine.chu@auc.ab.ca.

Yours truly,

Michael Arthur
Commission Member