

Grassy Mountain Coal Project Joint Review Panel

August 10, 2020

By e-mail only

Gail Des Moulins

Subject: Decision on Hearing Participation for the Grassy Mountain Coal Project

Dear Mrs. Des Moulins:

On June 29, 2020, the Joint Review Panel (the Panel) established to review the proposed Grassy Mountain Coal Project (the Project) issued a notice of hearing (CIAR #365). This letter serves as the Panel's decision regarding your request to participate at the hearing (CIAR #401).

The Panel has found that you have demonstrated that you may be directly and adversely affected by the Project and have relevant information or expertise that may assist the Panel in completing its mandate.

The Panel understands from your request to participate that you would like to make a presentation related to technologies for the steel making coal industry and reclamation of the Project area. The Panel grants you the opportunity to make a brief oral presentation at the hearing in respect of these topics.

A written submission containing the evidence that you intend to present orally at the hearing must be provided by September 14, 2020 as per the schedule set out in the notice of hearing. In your written submission, please include an estimate of the amount of time that you would like to present your evidence at the hearing so that the Panel can establish time limits for all participants (note that not all timing requests may be fully accommodated).

Please note that you will have to speak to your written submissions at the hearing and all witnesses are expected to either swear or affirm that their evidence is truthful. You should be available to respond to questions from the Panel and parties that are adverse in interest at the hearing.

The Panel is in receipt of the information provided in your submission regarding preferred dates, locations, and format of the public hearing and will consider your views in its decisions moving forward. In light of current public health restrictions associated with COVID-19, details regarding hearing dates, format, locations, and logistics will be posted to the Registry and communicated to all hearing participants at a later date.

Parties who participate in the hearing may be eligible to submit a cost claim to recover some of the costs of their participation under the *Alberta Energy Regulator's Directive 031: REDA*

*Energy Cost Claims*¹. Section 58.1 of the *Alberta Energy Regulator Rules of Practice*² sets out the factors that are taken into consideration when making a decision in respect of an application for costs. Applications for advance and interim funding should be provided to Elaine Arruda at <email address removed> by September 7, 2020.

On August 19, 2020, the Panel secretariat will be hosting an information session (via Zoom) regarding hearing submissions. If you would like to attend the information session, please send an email to Elaine Arruda at <email address removed> .

If you have any questions regarding this letter, you are encouraged to contact Samantha Sabo, Acting Panel Manager at IAAC.GrassyMountain.AEIC@canada.ca.

Yours truly,

<Original signed by>

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Chair, Joint Review Panel

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¹ Available online: <https://www.aer.ca/documents/directives/Directive031.pdf>

² Available online: https://www.gp.alberta.ca/1266.cfm?page=2013_099.cfm&leg_type=Regs&isbncIn=9780779803491