

NOTICE OF PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE NRCB APPLICATION NO. 1701

ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION SPRINGBANK OFF-STREAM RESERVOIR PROJECT

WHEREAS Alberta Transportation has filed an application with the Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB) for approval to construct the Springbank Off-Stream Reservoir Project (the Project) on the Elbow River upstream of the City of Calgary; and

WHEREAS the NRCB anticipates the need to conduct a public hearing and has previously issued a Joint Notice of Filing on November 6, 2017.

THEREFORE TAKE NOTICE that:

- 1. The NRCB will hold a virtual oral pre-hearing conference on December 2, 2020, commencing at 10:00 a.m., to hear representations respecting certain preliminary and procedural aspects of the public review, including:
 - a) a discussion of the major issues to be examined at the hearing;
 - b) the appropriate scope and jurisdiction of the review;
 - c) the location for a hearing, the hearing format, the appropriate timing of a hearing, and deadlines for filing hearing submissions (including evidence);
 - d) a discussion of procedures to be followed at the hearing; and
 - e) other matters.
- 2. Copies of the application, including information and particulars filed in support thereof, may be accessed on the NRCB's website at: https://www.nrcb.ca/natural-resource-projects/natural-resource-projects/natural-resource-projects-listing/83/springbank-off-stream-reservoir-project.
- 3. Eligible individuals may apply for intervener funding pursuant to the *Natural Resources Conservation Board Act*. To obtain further information about intervener funding, please contact the NRCB Manager, Board Reviews, listed below.

Interested parties, Indigenous groups, representatives from Alberta Transportation (the proponent), and other government authorities who wish to make a presentation at the pre-hearing conference must provide a statement of intent to participate and a written summary of their submission by 4:30 p.m., November 20, 2020, to laura.friend@nrcb.ca. Submissions should be PDF documents with bookmarks, page numbers, and optical character recognition.

The NRCB will also hold a test session on November 25, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. so that any technological issues can be identified and resolved in advance of the pre-hearing. All pre-hearing conference participants are required to participate in the test session. NRCB staff will send participants email invitations that include the link to the test session.

The NRCB contact is Laura Friend, Manager, Board Reviews at 403-297-8269 or laura.friend@nrcb.ca. Please note that any correspondence or information filed regarding this Project and application is considered to be public information and will be posted on the NRCB website.

Dated at Calgary, Alberta, on October 5, 2020.

William Y. Kennedy, General Counsel, NRCB