

February 12, 2026

Decision 30521-D01-2026

New West Data Acquisition Corp.
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Attention: Dorn Cassidy
VP Operations

**8.40-Megawatt Kakwa Isolated Power Plant
Proceeding 30521
Application 30521-A001**

Power plant

1. New West Data Acquisition Corp. (NWDAC), by Application 30521-A001, registered on December 22, 2025, applied to the Alberta Utilities Commission to construct and operate an 8.40-megawatt (MW) natural gas-fired power plant, designated as the Kakwa Isolated Power Plant, located approximately 70 kilometres northeast of Grande Cache.
2. The power plant would consist of five Caterpillar G3520 natural gas-fired reciprocating engines, with a total generating capability of 8.40 MW. NWDAC stated that the project would be isolated from the Alberta Interconnected Electric System. It expects to complete construction in Q1 of 2026, with an in-service date in Q2 of 2026.
3. NWDAC confirmed that there are no First Nations reserves or Metis settlements within the consultation radii.
4. NWDAC noted that it issued a project-specific information package to stakeholders and did not receive any objections or concerns.
5. NWDAC stated that the project is on an existing Crown disposition, held by NWDAC, on lands that have already been cleared for industrial purposes. It indicated that there would be no *Public Lands Act* or *Water Act* applications or approvals required for the project and as a result, there was no consultation directed with the Crown. It will follow the direction of the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) as part of the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* application process.
6. NWDAC stated that the AER approved the amendment to the existing Directive 056 approval. NWDAC has applied for an *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* approval which is still under review. It anticipates receiving the approval in February or March 2026.
7. Considering NWDAC's anticipated construction schedule, the Commission emphasizes that construction of the project cannot commence until the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* industrial application has been approved.

8. NWDAC confirmed that it will fulfill the requirements of all other agencies with jurisdiction over the project, including municipalities.
9. NWDAC has provided information respecting the nature, extent, land affected, land ownership and the timing of the proposed project. NWDAC has also stated that the proposed project will meet the *Alberta Ambient Air Quality Objectives* and will comply with Rule 012: *Noise Control*.
10. Based upon the information provided, NWDAC has demonstrated that the proposal is of a minor nature, meets the requirements of Rule 007: *Facility Applications* and Rule 012, no other person is directly and adversely affected by the proposal, and no adverse environmental impact will be caused by the proposed project.
11. The Commission approves the construction and operation of the power plant. Approval 30521-D02-2026 is attached.
12. The Commission may, no later than 60 days from the date of this decision and without notice, correct typographical, spelling and calculation errors and other similar types of errors and post the corrected decision on its website.

Alberta Utilities Commission

(original signed by)

Rita Chan
Director – Power Plants, Facilities Division
On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

Attachment