

February 25, 2021

Decision 26291-D01-2021

Big Marble Farms Inc.
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Attention: David Hoekstra
General Manager

**Big Marble Farms Power Plant Exemption
Proceeding 26291
Application 26291-A001**

Exemption of generation for own use

1. Big Marble Farms Inc., by Application 26291-A001, registered on February 4, 2021, applied to the Alberta Utilities Commission under Section 13(1) of the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act* to construct and operate an additional three Siemens 2.0-megawatt (MW) SGE-100 EM generators within Big Marble Farms, located in Cypress County, expanding the existing six-MW power plant to a total capability of 12 MW.

2. Since the electric energy generated is solely for Big Marble Farms Inc.'s own use as described in Section 13(1) of the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act* and the power plant meets the noise requirements specified in Rule 012: *Noise Control*, the Commission grants Big Marble Farms Inc. an exemption from Section 11 of the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act*. The exemption is conditional upon the following terms and conditions:

- (i) The power plant shall be located in Legal Subdivision 9 of Section 9, Township 12, Range 6, west of the Fourth Meridian, as further described in the application.
- (ii) The power plant shall consist of five Siemens 2.0-MW SGE-100 EM generators and two Siemens 1.0-MW SGE-56SL generators with a total capability of 12 MW, as further described in the application.
- (iii) Big Marble Farms Inc. will not export energy from the power plant to the Alberta Interconnected Electric System, with the energy generated being solely for Big Marble Farms Inc.'s own use. Should the proposed power plant be operating in synchronism with the electric system of the local utility company, Big Marble Farms Inc. shall apply for a connection order from the AUC pursuant to Section 18 of the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act* prior to connecting the power plant.
- (iv) Big Marble Farms Inc. must meet the noise requirements of Rule 012.
- (v) This exemption is not transferable unless approved by the Commission.

3. The Commission may cancel or suspend this exemption, in whole or in part, in accordance with Section 41 of the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act* or may review this exemption, in whole or in part, upon its own motion or upon an application by an interested party, in accordance with Section 10 of the *Alberta Utilities Commission Act*.

4. The Commission may, within 30 days of 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)

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On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission