

Notice of hearing Foothills Solar Project

Foothills Solar GP Inc. has filed applications for a solar power plant and substation near the hamlet of Blackie

**Proceeding 27486
Applications 27486-A001 and 27486-A002**

The Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC), the independent utilities regulator, will be holding a hearing to review the applications and submissions received to consider the power plant and substation development applications in Proceeding 27486.

Statements of intent to participate are due by August 29, 2022.

Written evidence is due October 25, 2022.

Foothills Solar Limited Partnership, by its general partner Foothills Solar GP Inc., has applied for approval to construct and operate a 150-megawatt solar power plant and its associated collector substation, Prairie Sun 1037S Substation, collectively referred to as the Foothills Solar Project, located approximately 750 metres west of the hamlet of Blackie, in Foothills County. The applications have been filed under the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act*.

Additional information about the applications

Basic information about the [Foothills Solar Project](#) can be found on the AUC website under “Applications > Featured applications.” The applications and any associated documents are publicly available and can be accessed from the eFiling System on the AUC website www.auc.ab.ca. Alternatively, for more information about what is being applied for, or for a copy of the applications, please contact:

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Participant information session

The AUC holds information sessions to provide information about how to have your say and become involved in its proceedings. The AUC is prepared to provide a telephone or virtual session about options for participating in this proceeding and the local intervener funding that may be available to you to support your participation, if requested by individuals or groups interested in the proceeding. Please contact the lead application officer, Allan Anderson at 403-592-4438 or allan.anderson@auc.ab.ca by August 15, 2022, if you want to participate in an information session.

For more information about how you may become involved in this proceeding, please contact us or visit our website and review the information under “Get involved,” “AUC review process steps,” and “Review process for facility applications.”

Statements of intent to participate

If you wish to participate in this proceeding, and have not already filed a statement of intent to participate, please visit our website and log in to the eFiling System, go to Proceeding 27486, and register to participate under the “registered parties” tab. Alternatively, please contact us at 310-4AUC (310-4282) in Alberta or info@auc.ab.ca for more information or assistance with filing your statement of intent to participate. Statements of intent to participate are due by August 29, 2022.

Statements of intent to participate must include your name, address, phone number, legal land location, description of your land in relation to the proposed development and a description of how you, your land, your business, or your activities may be affected by the proposed project. Please also briefly describe the issues you would like the AUC to consider when making its decision.

Only parties that have filed a statement of intent to participate and have been granted standing may be eligible for funding and to fully participate in the hearing.

Privacy

To support an open and transparent process, information you send to the AUC will be publicly available to anyone registered in this proceeding. If there is confidential information you would like to file, a request must be made in advance of filing your submission.

Participating in the hearing

If you intend to present evidence at the hearing, you must submit your written evidence by October 25, 2022, and be present at the commencement of the hearing. Your written evidence should include a statement about your intended level of participation, including whether you or your representative will:

- Attend the hearing.
- Cross-examine any of the applicant’s witness panels.

Written evidence can be reports prepared by experts or written information (including maps, charts, photographs and narrative statements) prepared by an intervener personally, and clearly identified as such. Any report that was prepared by an expert, and which is being filed in support of an intervener’s position, must clearly state the qualifications of the expert and the name of the intervener who directed that the report was to be prepared. Please be aware that the author of any report or other written evidence that an intervener expects the Commission to rely upon must be available to be cross-examined at the hearing.

Summarized process schedule

The Commission has established the following process to consider the applications:

Process step	Deadline date*
Virtual information session request	August 15, 2022
Statements of intent to participate	August 29, 2022
Information requests (questions) to applicant by interveners (persons granted standing by the AUC)	September 26, 2022
Applicant response to information requests from interveners	October 12, 2022
Intervenors' written evidence	October 25, 2022
Information requests to intervenors about intervenor evidence	November 7, 2022
Intervenors' deadline to respond to information requests	November 21, 2022
Applicant's reply evidence deadline	November 28, 2022
Hearing	To be determined

* All submissions are due by 4 p.m.

Details on the dates of the hearing will be announced in due course. This information will be communicated through the Commission's eFiling System and posted on the AUC's website.

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Alberta Utilities Commission

