

# Notice of hearing Creekside Solar Project

## Creekside Solar Inc. has filed an application for a solar power project in the Calmar area

Proceeding 27652 Application 27652-A001

The Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC), the independent utilities regulator, will be holding a hearing to review the application and submissions received to consider the solar power plant development application in Proceeding 27652.

Statements of intent to participate are due by November 14, 2022.

Written evidence is due January 23, 2023.

Creekside Solar Inc. has applied to construct and operate a 18.4-megawatt solar power plant called the Creekside Solar Project. The power plant would consist of approximately 46,342 solar photovoltaic panels and be located approximately one kilometre south of the town of Calmar. Specifically, the project would be located in the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 49, Range 27, west of the Fourth Meridian. The application has been filed under the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act*.

#### Additional information about the application

The application and any associated documents are publicly available and can be accessed from the eFiling System on the AUC website <a href="www.auc.ab.ca">www.auc.ab.ca</a>. Alternatively, for more information about what is being applied for, or for a copy of the application, 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, Victor Choy at 403-592-4439 or victor.choy@auc.ab.ca by November 7, 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."

#### Statements of intent to participate

If you wish to participate in this proceeding, please visit our website and log in to the eFiling System, go to Proceeding 27652, and register to participate under the "registered parties" tab. Alternatively, please contact us at 310-4AUC (310-4282) in Alberta or <a href="mailto:info@auc.ab.ca">info@auc.ab.ca</a> for more information or assistance with filing your statement of intent to participate. The lead application officer, Victor Choy, can also be contacted at <a href="mailto:victor.choy@auc.ab.ca">victor.choy@auc.ab.ca</a> or 403-592-4439. Statements of intent to participate are due by **November 14, 2022**.

Submissions 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.

The AUC may make its decision without further notice or process if no written submissions are received. The AUC may also cancel the hearing if no parties are granted standing to participate in the AUC's process.

Only parties that have filed participation submissions 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 January 23, 2023, and be present at the commencement of the hearing. Your written evidence should include your 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 application:

Process step	Deadline date*
Virtual information session request	November 7, 2022
Statements of intent to participate	November 14, 2022
Information requests (questions) to applicant by interveners (persons granted standing by the AUC)	December 12, 2022
Applicant response to information requests from interveners	January 4, 2023
Interveners' written evidence deadline	January 19, 2023
Information requests to interveners about intervener evidence	February 2, 2023
Interveners' deadline to respond to information requests	February 16, 2023
Applicant's reply evidence deadline	February 24, 2023
Hearing	To be determined

<sup>\*</sup> 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.

Issued on October 14, 2022.

Alberta Utilities Commission

