

# Revised notice of hearing Nova Solar Power Plant and Transmission Connection

## Nova Solar G.P. Inc. and AltaLink Management Ltd. have filed applications for a solar power plant and associated transmission development in Wheatland County

**Proceeding 27589  
Applications 27589-A001 to 27589-A006**

The Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC), the independent utilities regulator, will be holding a hearing to review the applications and submissions received to consider the proposed solar power plant and electric transmission development applications in Proceeding 27589. The Commission previously issued a notice of hearing in this proceeding on October 31, 2022, for the solar power plant components. The Commission has since received applications for the transmission connection facilities, and has combined the transmission connection facility applications with the power plant applications, and is therefore issuing this revised notice of hearing with revised deadline dates.

**If you feel you may be affected by the connecting transmission facilities, you can provide your input through a written submission by December 6, 2022.<sup>1</sup>**

**Interveners' information requests to the applicants are due on December 19, 2022.**

Nova Solar G.P. Inc. has applied to construct and operate the 150-megawatt Nova Solar Power Plant and associated Nova 1005S Substation (collectively, the power plant project). The power plant project would be located on approximately 1,280 acres (518 hectares) of private, cultivated land in Wheatland County, Alberta, approximately two kilometres west of the hamlet of Carseland.

Nova Solar has also applied to construct and operate a new eight-kilometre-long, 240-kilovolt transmission line, to be designated as Transmission Line 927AL. The new transmission line would connect the power plant project to the Alberta Interconnected Electric System through Nova Solar's proposed Nova 1005S Substation.

AltaLink Management Ltd. has applied for approval to connect existing Transmission Line 927L to proposed Transmission Line 927AL and to alter Transmission Line 927AL to accommodate this proposed connection. AltaLink has also applied to install one new telecommunications tower (up to 29 metres tall) at the Nova 1005S Substation.

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<sup>1</sup> The time period for submissions regarding the solar power plant and substation has ended.

The map included with this notice identifies the applied-for routes by Nova Solar, which include a preferred route and an alternate route, both of which will be considered in this proceeding. The Commission may approve the preferred route or the alternate route.

### **Additional information about the 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](http://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**

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, and have not already submitted a statement of intent to participate, please visit our website and log in to the eFiling System, go to Proceeding 27589, 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](mailto:info@auc.ab.ca) for more information or assistance with filing your statement of intent to participate.

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 statements 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.

### **Hearing**

The Commission will host a virtual oral hearing, commencing on **March 15, 2023, at 10 a.m.**

The virtual oral hearing will be held remotely using a video conferencing platform. Participants are responsible for ensuring that they have access to all documentary evidence filed on the record of the proceeding, either through the eFiling System or in their preferred format. Further information about the virtual hearing process will be issued separately.

The Commission will also hold a test session on March 8, 2023, at 10 a.m., so that any technological issues can be detected and resolved in advance of the hearing. All hearing participants are required to participate in the test session.

Commission staff will contact the hearing participants and will send email invitations that include the link to access the test session and hearing.

### **Participating in the hearing**

If you intend to present evidence at the hearing regarding these applications, you must submit your written evidence by **January 23, 2023**, and be available on the video conferencing platform 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:

- Virtually attend the hearing.
- Cross-examine any of the applicants' witnesses.

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:

<b>Process step</b>	<b>Due date</b>
Participant submissions regarding transmission connection applications	December 6, 2022
Interveners' information requests (questions) to applicants (Nova Solar G.P. Inc. and/or AltaLink Management Ltd.) deadline	December 19, 2022
Applicants' deadline to respond to information requests	January 9, 2023
Interveners' written evidence deadline	January 23, 2023
Information requests to interveners about intervener evidence	February 6, 2023
Interveners' deadline to respond to information requests	February 16, 2023
Applicants' reply evidence deadline	March 1, 2023
Test session	March 8, 2023, 10 a.m.
Commencement of hearing	March 15, 2023, 10 a.m.

Details of the hearing will be provided in due course. This information will be communicated through the Commission's eFiling System.

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Alberta Utilities Commission

