

# Notice of hearing

## East Strathmore Solar Project

East Strathmore Solar Project Inc. has filed an application for a solar power plant and interconnection in the Strathmore area

**Proceeding 24266**  
**Application 24266-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 power plant development application in Proceeding 24266.

**Written evidence is due March 16, 2020.**

East Strathmore Solar Project Inc. (ESSPI) has applied under the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act* to construct and operate a 20.1-megawatt solar power plant approximately 12 kilometres east of Strathmore. The proposed project would be sited on approximately 120 acres of private, cultivated land in Wheatland County on a single quarter section of land located in the southwest quarter of Section 9, Township 24, Range 23, west of the Fourth Meridian. ESSPI has also applied to interconnect the power plant to the FortisAlberta Inc. electric distribution system through a 700-metre underground distribution line.

### **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 [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 application, please contact:

East Strathmore Solar Project Inc.  
William Patterson  
Phone: 236-521-2874  
Email: [wpatterson@elementalenergy.ca](mailto:wpatterson@elementalenergy.ca)

### **Hearing**

Alberta Utilities Commission  
William Andrew Grieve Hearing Room  
Eau Claire Tower  
1400, 600 Third Avenue S.W.  
Calgary, Alta. T2P 0G5  
Tuesday, March 31, 2020, at 9 a.m.

If you intend to present written evidence at the hearing, you must submit your written evidence by March 16, 2020, and be present at the commencement of the hearing.

For more information about participating in this proceeding contact:

Conrad Dalsin at 403-592-3281 or email your questions to [conrad.dalsin@auc.ab.ca](mailto:conrad.dalsin@auc.ab.ca).

### **Participant information session**

The AUC will be holding an information session to provide information about how you may become involved in this proceeding and the funding which may be available to you to support your position, which includes costs for legal representation and expert witnesses. The project and its merits will not be discussed at this session:

Days Inn & Suites  
400 Ranch Market  
Strathmore, Alta. T1P 0B2  
Wednesday, February 19, 2020, at 7 p.m.

If you cannot attend the information session, but want to learn more about the review process or for more information about how you may become involved in this proceeding, please contact us or visit our website and review the information under “Have your say” or under “Review process.”

### **Submissions**

If you wish to participate in this proceeding, please visit our website and log in to the eFiling System, go to Proceeding 24266, and register to participate under the “registered parties” tab. Alternatively, please contact us at 310-4AUC or [info@auc.ab.ca](mailto:info@auc.ab.ca) for more information or assistance with filing your submission.

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.

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 written evidence at the hearing, you must submit your written evidence by March 16, 2020, 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:

- File supporting evidence.
- 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:

<b>Process step</b>	<b>Date</b>
Information session	February 19, 2020
Interveners' written evidence deadline	March 16, 2020
Applicant's reply evidence deadline	March 23, 2020
Commencement of hearing	March 31, 2020, 9 a.m.

Issued on February 11, 2020.

Alberta Utilities Commission  
Douglas A. Larder, QC, General Counsel

