

Notice of hearing Strathmore Solar Farm

Solar Krafte Utilities Inc. has filed an application for a 40.5-megawatt solar power plant in Strathmore

Proceeding 25346 Application 25346-A001

The Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC), the independent utilities regulator, intends to initiate a hearing process to review the power plant development application in Proceeding 25346. Additional steps related to the hearing will be communicated to parties registered in Proceeding 25346 once the written process steps are completed and the Commission has received and reviewed participants' submissions about their intended level of participation in the hearing process.

Written evidence is due July 24, 2020.

Solar Krafte Utilities Inc. has applied to construct and operate a 40.5-megawatt solar power plant, designated as the Strathmore Solar Farm. The project is proposed to be sited on 320 acres of previously cultivated land in Strathmore, south of Highway 1 and east of George Freeman Trail, in the south half and northwest quarter of Section 12, Township 24, Range 25, west of the Fourth Meridian. The proposed location of the project is shown on the attached map.

Solar Krafte Utilities Inc. stated that the power plant would consist of solar panels, transformer and inverter stations, access roads and a collector system connected to existing 25-kilovolt FortisAlberta Inc. distribution lines originating from the adjacent AltaLink Management Ltd. Strathmore 151S Substation. 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 www.auc.ab.ca. 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

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 25346, and register to participate under the “registered parties” tab. Alternatively, please contact us at 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.

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

At this time, the Commission has not determined whether to schedule an oral or written hearing for the proceeding.

You must submit your written evidence by July 24, 2020.

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, should an oral hearing be scheduled.

Your written evidence should include your statement about your intended level of participation, including whether you or your representative:

- Will participate in the hearing process.
- Intend to cross-examine any of the applicant’s witness panels if the Commission directs an oral hearing.

Please note that pursuant to [Bulletin 2020-06](#): AUC defers live proceedings to reduce COVID-19 risk, the Commission decided to defer all public hearings until further notice. While the Commission has pursued alternatives to in-person oral hearings where required (e.g. virtual or video hearings), the Commission anticipates that in-person oral hearings will be deferred for the immediate future. The Commission continues to monitor the situation and will provide further guidance on whether it will hold an oral hearing in this case and if so, the format of the hearing, once the written process steps for this proceeding are completed.

Summarized process schedule

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

Process step	Date
Intervener deadline to file information requests to applicant	Tuesday, June 30, 2020
Applicant deadline to respond to information requests	Friday, July 10, 2020
Intervener written evidence deadline	Friday, July 24, 2020
Deadline to file information requests about intervener evidence	Friday, August 7, 2020
Intervener deadline to respond to information requests	Friday, August 21, 2020
Applicant reply evidence deadline	Friday, August 28, 2020

Issued on June 12, 2020.

Alberta Utilities Commission
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