

October 29, 2024

To: Parties currently registered in Proceeding 28728

**Spruce Grove 1 Solar STL Inc.
Spruce Grove South Solar PV Plant
Proceeding 28728
Applications 28728-A001 and 28728-A002**

Ruling on abeyance request

1. In this ruling, the Alberta Utilities Commission grants a request from Spruce Grove 1 Solar STL Inc. (Spruce Grove 1) to place this proceeding into abeyance pursuant to Section 17.1(a) of Rule 001: *Rules of Practice*.
2. On October 28, 2024, Spruce Grove 1 requested this proceeding be placed into abeyance due to:
 - uncertainty regarding the implementation of Alberta’s “Agriculture First” policy and anticipated legislative changes; and
 - potential changes to the project’s proposed connection due to the project moving to the Alberta Electric System Operator Cluster 2 Assessment Process
3. Spruce Grove 1 also stated that an abeyance would provide it additional time to undertake ongoing consultation activities.
4. Spruce Grove 1 expects that legislative or policy guidance regarding Alberta’s “Agriculture First” approach will be forthcoming by the end of 2024 and therefore proposed that it update the Commission regarding its intention to proceed with the applications by February 28, 2025. Spruce Grove 1 submitted that its requested relief is reasonable, will result in more efficient use of the Commission and parties’ resources and will not result in any prejudice.
5. The Commission considers the request for abeyance to be reasonable, and finds that it will create efficiencies and that it will not prejudice any parties in the proceeding. The Commission therefore grants Spruce Grove 1’s request to place the proceeding in abeyance. All previously scheduled procedural steps¹ are suspended until further notice.
6. The Commission requires Spruce Grove 1 to provide an update regarding the status of the applications by **4 p.m. on Friday, February 28, 2025**.

¹ Exhibit 28728-X0098, AUC letter – Ruling on extension to respond to information requests, August 20, 2024.

7. Should you have any questions about the matters addressed in this ruling, please contact the undersigned at matthew.parent@auc.ab.ca or 403-592-4457.

Yours truly,

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