

Notice of hearing

Harvest Sky Solar Farm

PACE Canada Development LP has filed an application for a 15-megawatt solar power plant within the urban boundary of Hanna

Proceeding 29274
Application 29274-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 29274.

Written evidence is due January 20, 2025.

A virtual oral hearing is scheduled to commence on March 3, 2025, at 10 a.m.

PACE Canada Development LP has applied to construct and operate a 15-megawatt solar power plant and to connect the power plant to the ATCO Electric Ltd. distribution system. The power plant would be sited on 171 acres of private pastureland. The power plant would be located within the urban boundary of Hanna, adjacent to the Hanna Airport, in the northwest quarter of Section 3 and west half of Section 10, Township 31, Range 14, 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 www.auc.ab.ca. Alternatively, for more information about what is being applied for, or for a copy of the application, please contact:

PACE Canada Development LP
Rhonda Barron
Phone: 587-869-0772
Email: rhonda.barron@pathfinderce.com

Participant information session

The AUC is prepared to provide a telephone or virtual 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. The virtual information session is scheduled for **Thursday, November 28, 2024, at 2 p.m.** Please contact

the lead application officer, Victor Choy, by email at victor.choy@auc.ab.ca by **Wednesday, November 27, 2024**, if you want to participate in the virtual 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.”

Hearing

The AUC will host a virtual oral hearing, commencing on **March 3, 2025, 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 AUC will also hold a test session on **February 26, 2025, at 2 p.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.

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

Participating in the hearing

If you intend to present evidence at the hearing, you must submit your written evidence by **January 20, 2025**, 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.

Further 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.” The lead application officer, Victor Choy, can also be contacted at 403-592-4439 or by email at victor.choy@auc.ab.ca.

New participant submissions

If you wish to participate in this proceeding and have not yet been granted standing, please visit our website and log in to the eFiling System, go to Proceeding 29274, 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 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.

Summarized process schedule

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

Process step	Date
Virtual information session	November 28, 2024, at 2 p.m.
Interveners' information requests (questions) to applicant deadline	December 9, 2024
Applicant's deadline to respond to information requests	January 6, 2025
Interveners' written evidence deadline	January 20, 2025
Information requests to interveners about intervenor evidence	February 3, 2025
Interveners' deadline to respond to information requests	February 18, 2025
Applicant's reply evidence deadline	February 25, 2025
Hearing test session	February 26, 2025, at 2 p.m.
Commencement of hearing	March 3, 2025, at 10 a.m.

* All submissions are due by 4 p.m.

Issued on November 20, 2024.

Alberta Utilities Commission

