

Notice of hearing

Lone Butte Solar Project

Lone Butte Solar Project Corp. has filed applications for a solar power plant and a substation in Kneehill County

Proceeding 29380**Applications 29380-A001 and 29380-A002**

The Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC), the independent utilities regulator, will be holding a hearing to review the applications and submissions received to consider the power plant and substation development applications in Proceeding 29380.

Written evidence is due April 8, 2025, at 4 p.m.

A virtual oral hearing is scheduled to commence on June 24, 2025, at 9 a.m.

Lone Butte Solar Project Corp., a wholly owned subsidiary of ACCIONA Energy Canada Global, Inc., has applied to construct and operate the Lone Butte Solar Project, which consists of a 450-megawatt solar power plant, and the Lone Butte 1801S Substation.

The project would be located approximately seven kilometres southwest of the hamlet of Torrington in Kneehill County, Alberta. The project area is shown in the map included with this notice. The project area includes the following locations:

Quarter	Section	Township	Range	Meridian
NW/NE/SE/SW	33	31	26	W4M
NW/SW	28	31	26	W4M
SE/SW/NW	3	32	26	W4M
SE	4	32	26	W4M
NW/NE/SE/SW	5	32	26	W4M
NE/SE	6	32	26	W4M
SW/SE/NE	7	32	26	W4M
NW/NE/SE/SW	8	32	26	W4M
SW	10	32	26	W4M

The applications were filed under the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act*.

Additional information about the applications

Basic information about the Lone Butte Solar Project can be found on the AUC website under “Applications > Featured 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. Alternatively, for more information about what is being applied for, or for a copy of the applications, please contact:

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Hearing

The AUC will host a virtual oral hearing, commencing on **June 24, 2025, at 9 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 **June 16, 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 **April 8, 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.

The AUC intends to follow a streamlined approach to facilitate the most efficient use of the oral hearing and will do this after it receives interveners’ evidence. This will include scoping out issues from the oral hearing where the Commission is satisfied that the written evidentiary record is sufficient and limiting oral hearing time. Scoping out issues from the oral hearing means limiting issues that can be explored at the hearing and that parties will not have an opportunity to orally cross-examine on these issues. There will also be time limits for direct evidence.

Accordingly, parties should ensure, to the extent possible, that they have sufficiently tested the evidence on the record through the written information request process. This does not limit the issues that may be discussed in argument.

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, Allan Anderson, can also be contacted at 403-592-4438 or email your questions to allan.anderson@auc.ab.ca.

New participant submissions

If you wish to participate in this proceeding and have not yet filed a statement of intent to participate, please visit our website and log in to the eFiling System, go to Proceeding 29380, and register to participate under the “registered parties” tab. For guidance on how to use the eFiling System, please visit www.auc.ab.ca/how-to-use-efiling. 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, a 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 applications:

Process step	Date*
Interveners’ information requests (questions) to applicant deadline	March 11, 2025
Applicant’s deadline to respond to information requests	March 25, 2025
Interveners’ written evidence deadline	April 8, 2025
Information requests to interveners about intervener evidence	April 30, 2025
Interveners’ deadline to respond to information requests	May 14, 2025
Applicant’s reply evidence deadline	May 29, 2025
Test session	June 16, 2025, 2 p.m.
Commencement of hearing	June 24, 2025, 9 a.m.

* All submissions are due by 4 p.m.

Issued on February 27, 2025.

Alberta Utilities Commission

