

Georgetown Solar Project

COMMUNITY UPDATE
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METLEN Energy & Metals is a global energy company headquartered in Athens, Greece, focused on clean, reliable energy and metallurgy. METLEN operates over 2,000 MW of natural gas-fired power generation and are developing 12 GW of renewable energy and storage projects in more than 40 countries. In 2023, the Company entered the Canadian market by acquiring a portfolio of solar projects in Alberta, including the Georgetown Solar Project.

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Project Update

Georgetown Solar Inc. (Georgetown) is proposing to construct and operate the **Georgetown Solar + Energy Storage Project** (the “Project”), a 230MW solar energy generation and 100MW battery energy storage project located in Vulcan County approximately 10 kilometres northwest of Mossleigh. The Project was acquired by METLEN Energy & Metals in 2023.

Since the previous update in 2022, detailed engineering has advanced, long lead items have been procured, and minor updates have been made to layout. The Project schedule has also been updated.

Georgetown is committed to ongoing stakeholder engagement and communication throughout the project lifecycle, please contact us with any questions on the following updates. Contact information is provided below.

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Environmental and Permitting Update

Georgetown continues to prioritize environmental stewardship and responsible land management. Since fall 2024, the Project has completed updated wetland fieldwork, sharp-tailed grouse and raptor surveys in spring 2025, and additional soil sampling to refine erosion control and vegetation re-establishment plans. The Project layout has been updated to reflect this work. A comprehensive Soil and Erosion Control Plan is being finalized to guide responsible construction practices. Additionally, comprehensive Weed, Pest, and Vegetation Management Plans have been created.

Substation Update

During the detailed design process, minor equipment and configuration changes have been implemented. The Main Power Transformer configuration has been modified from a single 154/205/256 MVA rating to two 100/133/166 MVA units. These have been modelled in an updated NIA, and the Project remains compliant with AUC Rule 012. An updated Noise Contour map is appended to this newsletter.

BESS Update

The design for the BESS is currently underway and more details will be provided when available. Construction for the BESS is planned to commence after the PV and Substation.

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Noise Assessment Update

The Noise Impact Assessment (NIA) has been updated and the Project complies with Rule 012 requirements. The updated noise impact contour map is provided in this packet.

Solar Glare Assessment Update

The Project has updated a Solar Glare Analysis to ensure that the solar PV modules will not cause glare that affects homes, roads, or flight paths. The results show that the project will not create hazardous glare or impact nearby residents.



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Permitting Update

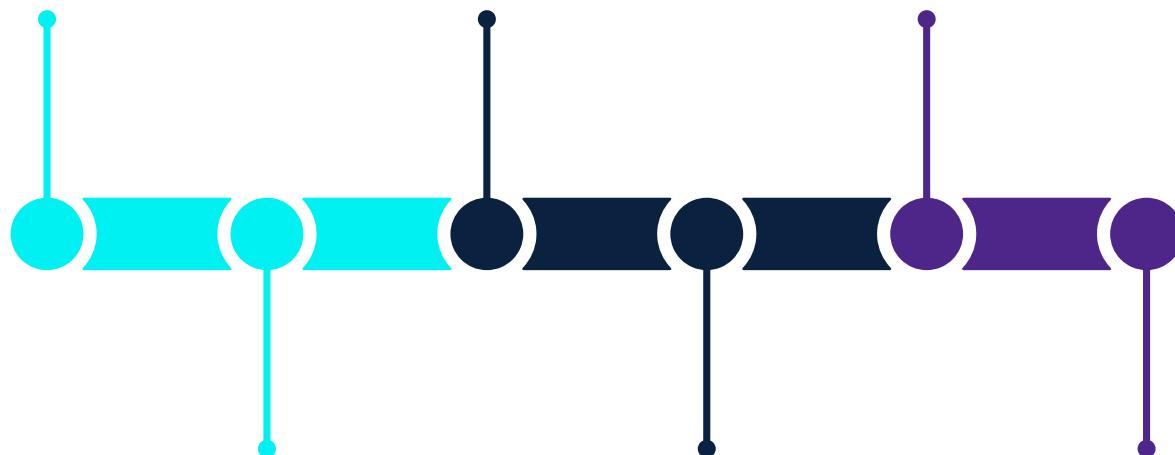
A Letter of Enquiry ("LoE") will be submitted to the AUC in September 2025 reflecting the minor changes outlined in this newsletter update. Final updates with relevant AJH's and crossing agreements are also being completed prior to construction start.

Project Schedule Update

Initial AUC Approval
November 2023

Final Project Update to
AUC
September 2025

Solar Power Plant
Construction Commences
Spring 2026



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Construction Job Opportunities

As the Project nears the commencement of construction, a number of job opportunities will be posted through the EPC Contractor, Barton Malow. These roles include Electricians, Project Coordinators, Safety Professionals, and labourers. For more information, please email: RecruitmentCanada@bartonmalow.com

In Your Community

METLEN is committed to strengthening local communities through long-term, inclusive partnerships.



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We're here to answer your questions and keep you informed. Please feel free to reach out anytime.

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Emergency Response and Communication Plan

A comprehensive Emergency Response Plan has been created to ensure the safety of neighbours and the community in case of an emergency. Vulcan County has been consulted with to ensure the plan aligns with their emergency response procedures and allows for clear communication between the County and the Georgetown project team.

To date, METLEN has supported the following initiatives:

Youth: Donations to Vulcan FCSS for youth centre upgrades and Metlen volunteer youth workshops.

Education: Agriculture scholarship via Lethbridge Rotary Club

Agrivoltaics: Undertaking feasibility studies for grazing, engaging with Olds College to host agrivoltaics student innovation challenges

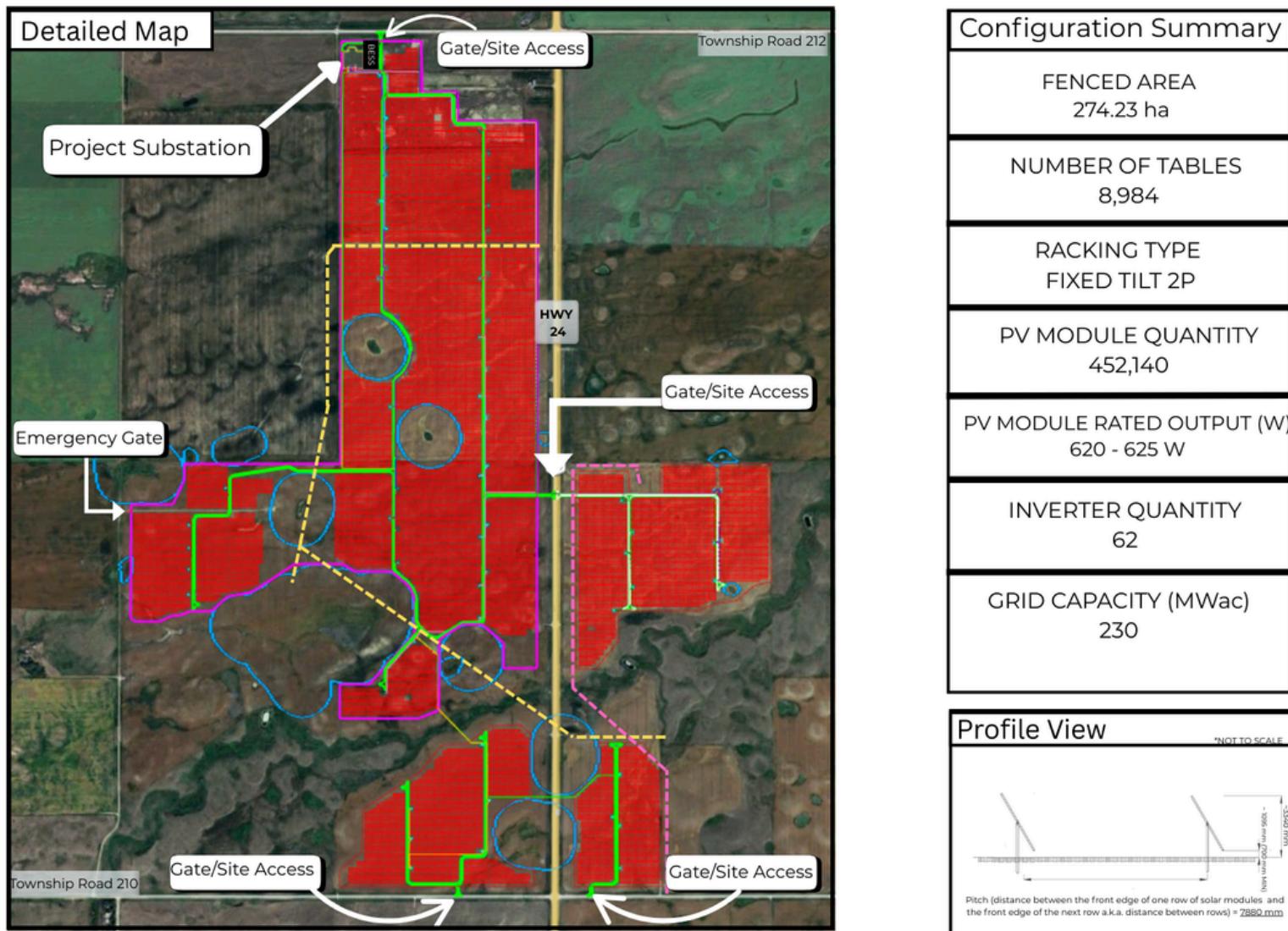
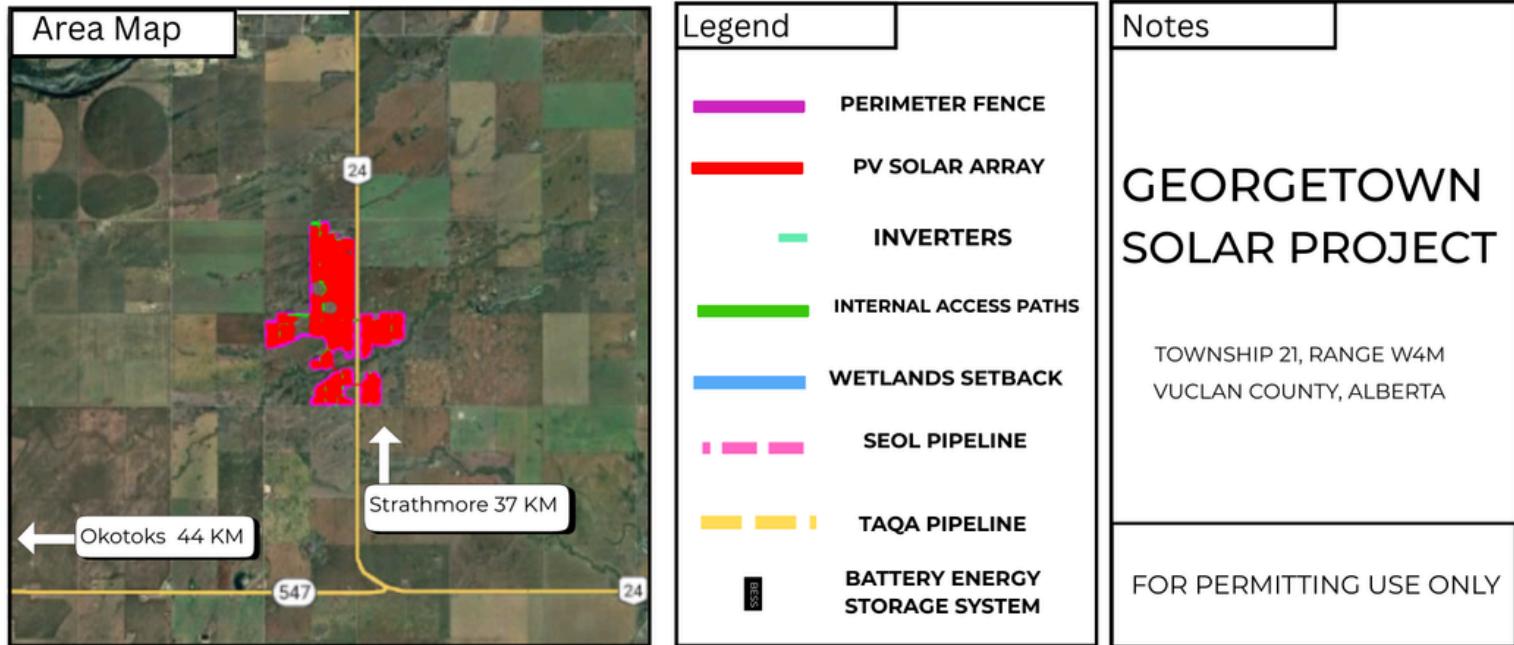
Workforce Development: Career outreach through Vulcan Career Fair and local high schools



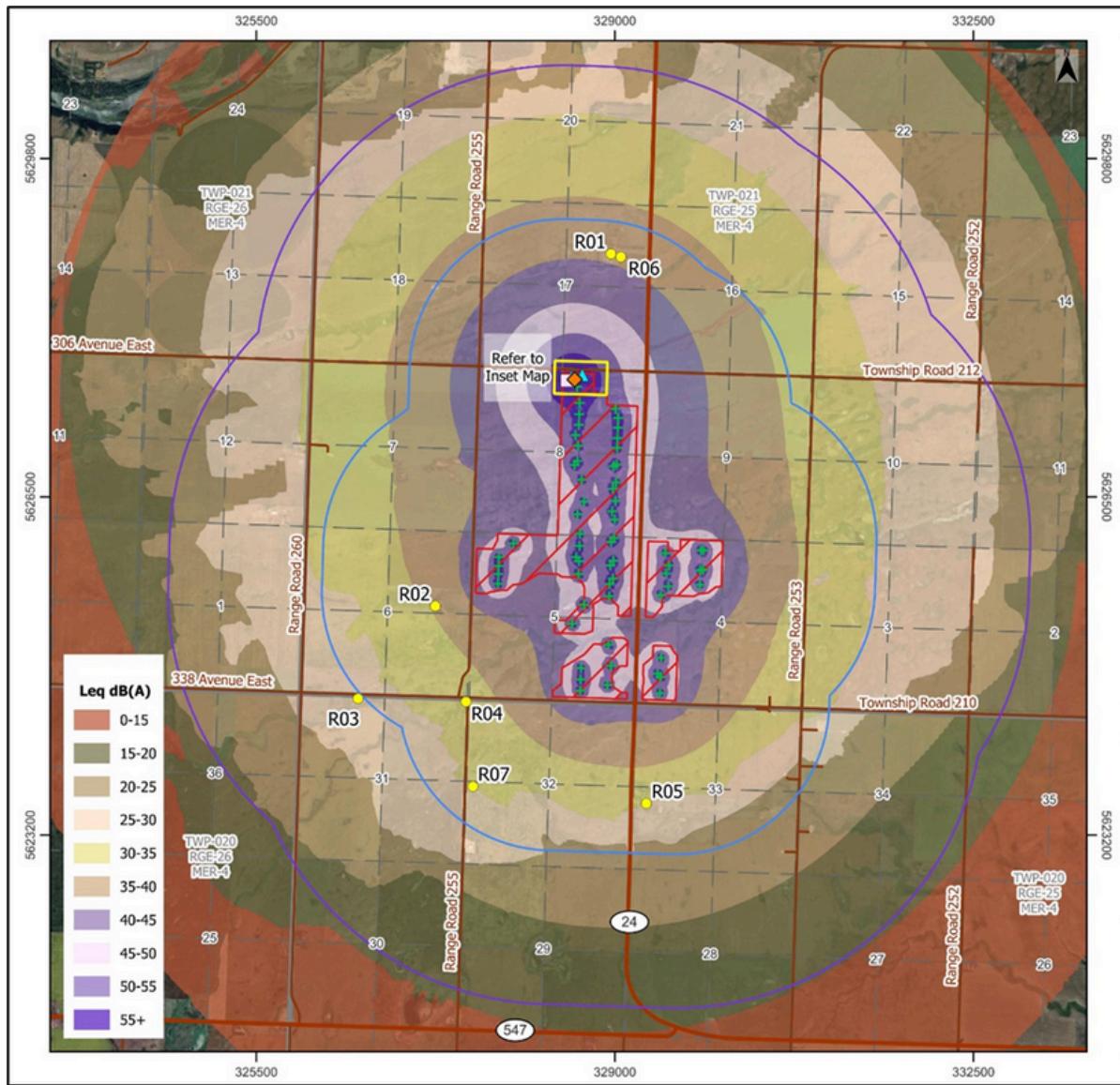
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Noise Impact Assessment Contour Map

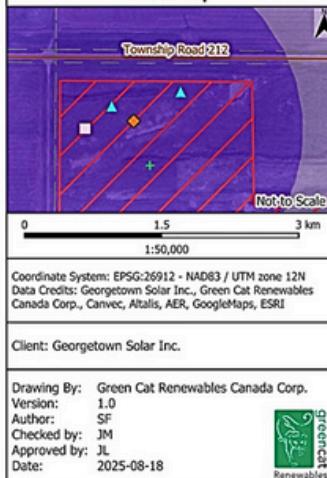


Georgetown Solar + Energy Storage Project Project Noise Contours (Night-Time & Daytime)

Legend

- Yellow dot: Noise Receptor
- Green plus: Inverter/Transformer Station
- Pink square: Project Substation
- Orange diamond: Battery Energy Storage System
- Cyan triangle: HVAC Unit
- Red checkmark: Project Area
- Blue square: 1.5km Boundary
- Purple square: 3km Boundary
- Red line: Highway
- Orange line: Road
- White line: Quarter Section Boundary
- Grey line: Township Boundary

Inset Map





Participating in the AUC's independent review process to consider facility applications

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The AUC regulatory review process to consider facility applications for utility projects



The AUC uses an established process to review social, economic and environmental impacts of facility projects to decide if approval of a project is in the public interest.

The AUC considers applications requesting approval of the need for transmission development and facilities applications seeking approval to construct, operate, alter and decommission electric and natural gas facilities. Applications, as specified in AUC Rule 007, are required for:

- The need for transmission upgrades.
- The route and location of transmission facilities.
- The siting of power plants.
- The construction of a battery storage system.
- The designation of an industrial system.
- The need for and siting of natural gas utility pipelines.

Sometimes the Alberta Electric System Operator's needs identification document application is considered together with a facility application in a single proceeding; sometimes separate proceedings are held to consider each application.

Application review process



Step 1: Public consultation prior to applying to the AUC

Step 2: Application filed to the AUC

Step 3: Public notice

Step 4: Public submissions to the AUC

Step 5: Consultation and negotiation

Step 6: The public hearing process

Step 7: The decision

Step 8: Opportunity to appeal

Step 9: Construction, operation and compliance

Application review process

Step 1: Public consultation prior to applying to the AUC



An applicant seeking approval of a proposed utility development project is required to engage in a participant involvement program prior to filing an application with the AUC. The public involvement program involves consultation with persons whose rights may be directly and adversely affected by the proposed project so that concerns may be raised, addressed and, if possible, resolved.

The application guidelines and requirements for facility applications can be found in AUC Rule 007: *Applications for Power Plants, Substations, Transmission Lines, Industrial System Designations, Hydro Developments and Gas Utility Pipelines*.

Potentially affected parties are strongly encouraged to participate in the public consultation, also called a participant involvement program. Early, active and ongoing discussions with an applicant may lead to greater influence on project planning and what is submitted to the AUC for approval.

Step 2: Application filed to the AUC



When the applicant has concluded its consultation with potentially affected parties and the participant involvement requirements have been completed, the applicant files its application through the AUC online public filing system, called the eFiling System.

AUC staff members review each application submitted to verify that all of the application requirements in Rule 007 have been met before an application is deemed complete. If all of the required information is not provided, the application may be closed or missing information will be requested of the applicant. Rule 007 specifies, among other requirements, that applicants must submit the results of a public involvement program in its application that includes information about how applicants consulted and notified stakeholders and Indigenous groups and identifies any unresolved objections and concerns about the project.

Step 3: Public notice



When the AUC receives an application it is assigned a proceeding number and the AUC generally mails a notice of application directly to those who live, operate a business or occupy land in the project area who may be directly and adversely affected if the AUC approves the application. The notice initiates the opportunity for formal intervention in the proceeding to consider an application or applications. The notice of application will also set out important dates and information about where to find the application and other items being considered. The five-digit eFiling System proceeding number in the notice is the most efficient way to find information about a proposed project through the AUC website.

Step 4: Public submissions to the AUC



Prior to the submission deadline provided in the notice, formal submissions of outstanding concerns and unresolved objections about a project may be submitted to the AUC. To submit a concern, participants will need to register to participate in the proceeding, which involves providing a brief written statement called a statement of intent to participate. Submissions are filed electronically through the eFiling System. The information filed becomes part of the public record and is an important part of the process to ensure that outstanding concerns are heard, understood and considered.

The AUC uses the information gathered through statement of intent to participate submissions to decide whether to hold a hearing on the application(s). The AUC must hold a hearing if a concerned person can demonstrate that they have rights that may be directly or adversely affected by the AUC's decision on the application. Such a person is said to have standing before the AUC. If the AUC decides to hold a hearing, the AUC will provide further opportunities for participants with standing to ask the applicant questions on the public record and present their position on the application either in writing or in person. Hearings may

be held in writing, in person or virtually through web-conference software.

AUC eFiling System

The eFiling System is the online tool that the AUC uses to manage applications and submissions in its proceeding-based review. The eFiling System gives access to all public documents associated with an application. The system is also used to submit your concerns and provide input to the AUC and can be used to monitor related proceeding filings. Those who do not have access to the internet can send submissions, evidence and other material by mail and the AUC will upload the submission on their behalf.

Step 5: Consultation and negotiation (if applicable)



The AUC supports efforts to reach a mutually agreeable outcome among the applicant and affected parties. The AUC encourages the applicant and those who have filed a statement of intent to participate to continue to attempt to resolve any outstanding issues. If all concerns can be satisfactorily resolved this may eliminate the need for a formal hearing. However, if there continues to be unresolved issues, those matters will typically be addressed in an AUC hearing.

Step 6: The public hearing process



The AUC will issue a notice of hearing if a person with standing continues to have legitimate unresolved concerns with the application. The notice of hearing will provide a hearing date and location, or specify if the hearing will be held in writing or virtually. When the AUC holds a public hearing, registered parties are given the opportunity to express their views directly to a panel of Commission members. Any member of the public can listen to an in-person or virtual oral hearing. An oral public hearing operates similar to a court proceeding.

Participants in a hearing can either represent themselves or be represented by a lawyer. In addition, participants may hire experts to assist in preparing and presenting evidence to support their position.

Cost assistance



A person determined by the AUC to have standing or a local intervener can apply for reimbursement of reasonable costs. Those who hire a lawyer or technical experts must be aware that while reimbursement for the costs of legal and technical assistance is available under AUC Rule 009: *Rules on Local Intervener Costs*, recovery of costs is subject to the AUC's assessment of the value of the contribution provided by the lawyer and technical experts in assisting the AUC to understand the specifics of the case. It is also subject to the AUC's published scale of costs.

People with similar interests and positions are expected and encouraged to work together to ensure that expenditures for legal or technical assistance are minimized and costs are not duplicated.

Step 7: The decision



The AUC's goal is to issue its written decision no more than 90 days after the close of record. The AUC can approve, or deny an application and can also make its approval conditional upon terms or conditions. AUC decisions are publicly available through the AUC website at www.auc.ab.ca.

Step 8: Opportunity to appeal



An applicant or participant in a proceeding may formally ask the Court of Appeal of Alberta for permission to appeal an AUC decision. An application for permission to appeal must be filed within 30 days from the date the decision is issued.

An applicant or participant in a proceeding can also ask the AUC to review its decision. An application to review a decision must be filed within 30 days from the date the decision is issued and satisfy the limited grounds described in AUC Rule 016: *Review of Commission Decisions*.

Step 9: Construction, operation and compliance



An applicant that receives approval to build and operate a facility from the AUC is expected to follow through on any commitments it has made to parties and must adhere to any conditions that were set out in that approval. If concerns about compliance with approval conditions and post-construction operations cannot be resolved with the applicant, they can be brought to the AUC's attention for consideration. The AUC has significant compliance and enforcement powers for all approved applications. Additional information is available on the AUC website.

The Alberta Utilities Commission is an independent, quasi-judicial agency of the government of Alberta that ensures the delivery of Alberta's utility services take place in a manner that is fair, responsible and in the public interest.

We are committed to ensuring that Albertans whose rights may be directly and adversely affected by a utility development project are informed of the application and have the opportunity to have their concerns heard, understood and considered.



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