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Pamela Pelletier NU-E Corporation Pamela@nue-corp.com

Dear Ms. Pelletier:

Further to your email of November 9 2021, I wish to advise you that pursuant to Section 44 of the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* (EPEA), I have considered the application of the environmental assessment process to your proposed Lethbridge One solar project. This is not a mandatory activity for the purposes of environmental assessment. Having regard to the consideration set out in Section 44(3) of EPEA, I have decided that further assessment of the activity is not required and an environmental impact assessment report is not required.

Please note that this decision is based on the current information about the project and that I reserve the ability to review this decision should different and/or new information come to light. Nu-E Corporation should also note that Section 47 of EPEA gives the Minister of Environment and Parks the authority to order the preparation of an environmental impact assessment report under appropriate circumstances, notwithstanding a director's decision to not require an environmental impact assessment report.

At this time, I recommend that you review the contents of the Alberta Utilities Commission's Rule 007 (<u>http://www.auc.ab.ca/pages/rules/rules-home.aspx</u>) to inform yourselves about the application and environmental evaluation requirements of the AUC. As per this rule, proponents must contact an Alberta Environment and Parks wildlife biologist to ensure alignment with the associated renewable energy wildlife land use guidelines or directives (<u>https://www.alberta.ca/wildlife-wind-energy-directive.aspx</u>).

If you have any questions or need further information please contact me at 780-644-4983.

Sincerely,

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