

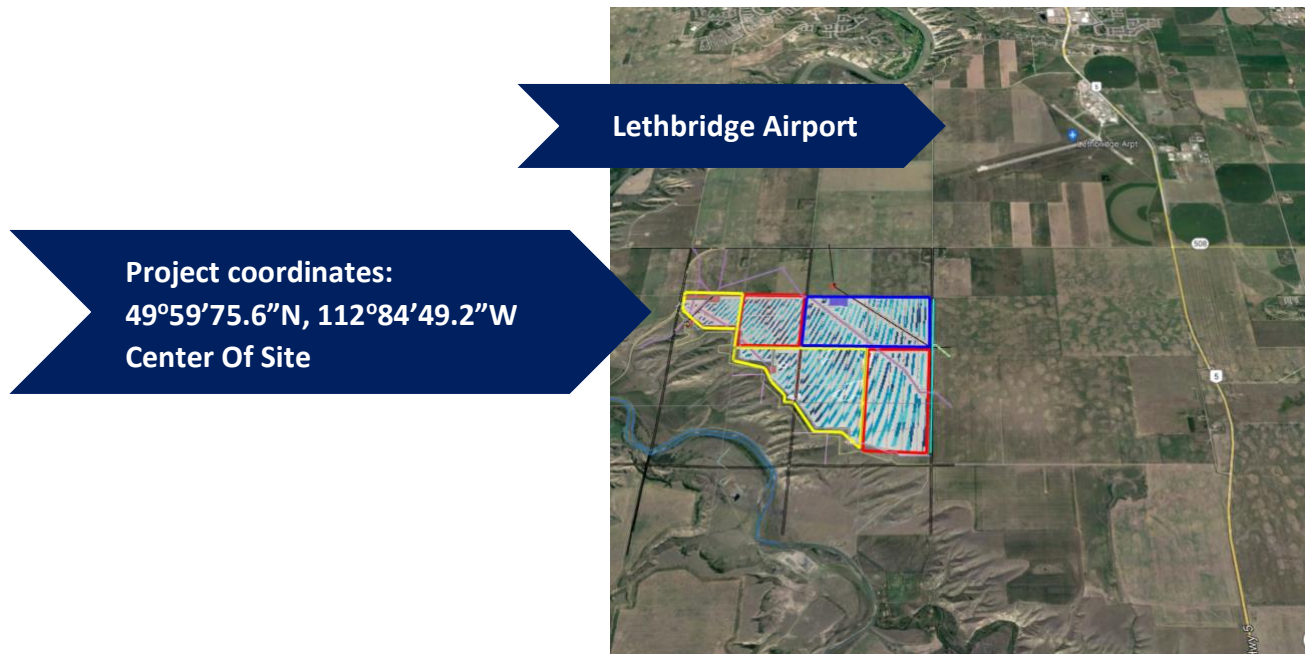


Lethbridge 2 and Lethbridge 3 Solar Project

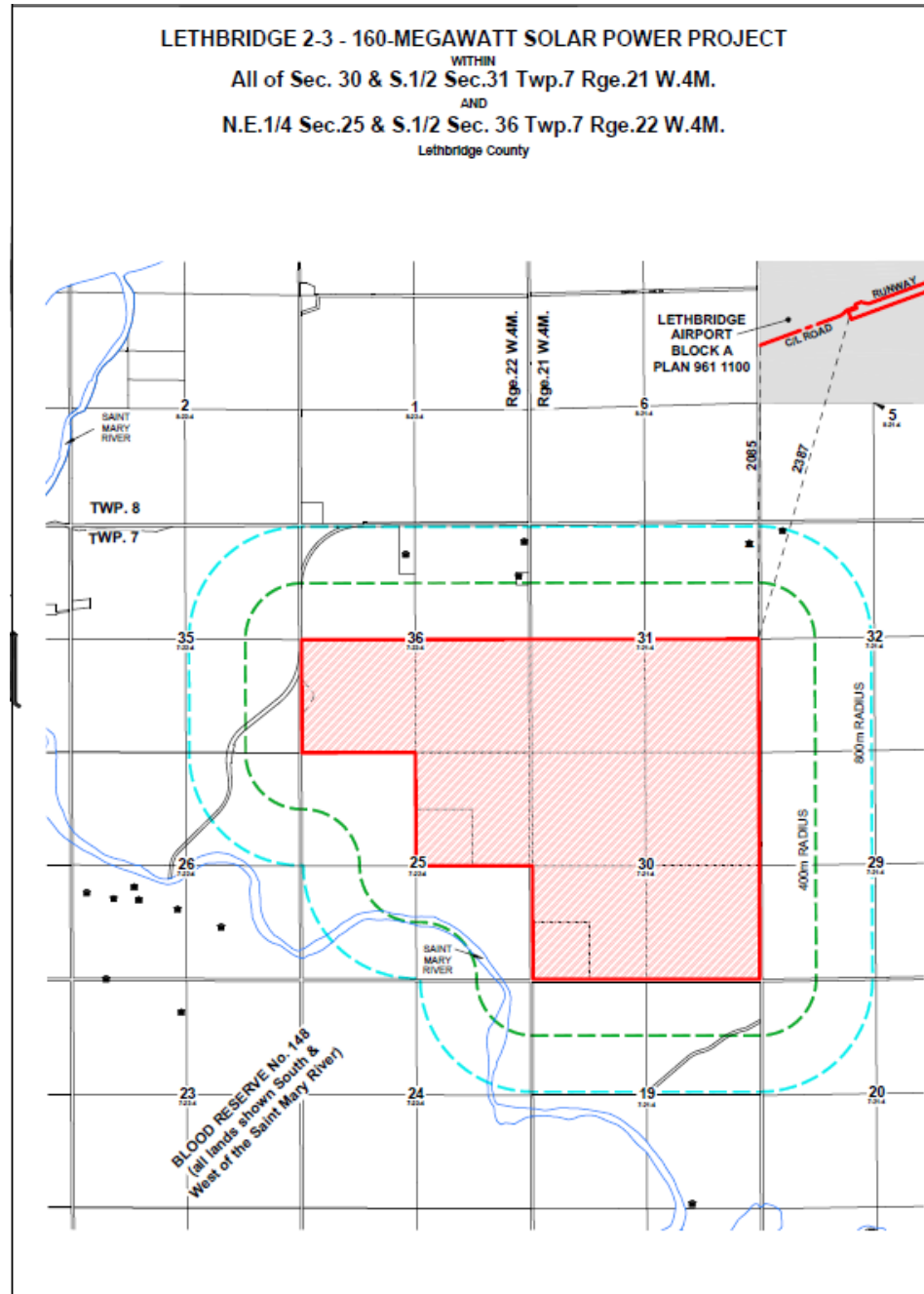
Hello, you are receiving this package because you live on or own land near the proposed Lethbridge Two (17MW) and Lethbridge Three (140MW) Solar Projects. This newsletter provides you with relevant project information. We invite any comments and questions you may have; your feedback is important to us.

Project Overview: NU-E Corp (NU-E) is proposing to develop the Lethbridge 2 & Lethbridge 3 Solar Power Projects (the Project). The Project site is located in Lethbridge County, south of Lethbridge, Alberta. The proposed Project is up to a combined 160-megawatts of ground mounted solar energy to be located on privately owned land. The Project will include the installation of perimeter fencing, an access road, and solar equipment: solar PV modules, tracker system, steel racking, inverters, substation and associated cabling.

Project location: In Lethbridge County, it is approximately 2km southwest of the Lethbridge Airport at Township Road 80 and Range Road 215 on private cultivated land. The Project site is in close proximity to existing electrical infrastructure with available capacity for interconnection to the Alberta Interconnected Electrical System (AIES).



Project location (Continued):



Project Benefits

- Creates new direct and indirect jobs through the development, construction, and operation phases of the Project. Roughly 100 short term jobs will be created throughout development and construction, 2-4 full time jobs will be created for the operation and maintenance of the Project. Approximately 90% of the jobs will be sourced locally.
- Property tax revenues throughout the life of the Project will support municipal services, infrastructure and education

Project Details and Timeline:

About The Project	Lethbridge 2 (18MW)	Lethbridge 3 (140MW)
Project Size	18 MWac	140 MWac
Connect to	25 kV Distribution System	138kV Transmission System
Site Characteristics	Fairly flat, privately owned cultivated land	
Technology	Single axis tracker panels with bi-facial photovoltaic	
Milestone or Activity	Target Timeline	
Environmental Assessments	2022	
Distribute Project Specific Information Package (1)	November-2022	
Alberta Environment and Protected Areas Project Submission	December-2022	
Project Consultation, Participant Involvement Program	2022-2023	2022-2024
Facility Assessments	Q1-Q3, 2023	Q1-Q2, 2024
Distribute Project Specific Information Package (2)	Q2 2023	Q2 2023
Distribute Project Specific Information Package (3)	-	Q1 2024
Permit and Approval Process	2023-2024	2023-2025
Begin Construction	Q2 2024	Q2 2025
Construction Term	12-24 Months	12-24 Months
Energization	Q2 2025	Q3 2026
Commercial Operation Date	Q3 2025	Q4 2026

Project Influences

Solar projects complete various environmental studies and fulfill reporting requirements as set out by Alberta Environment and Protected Areas as part of the regulatory and government review process. Through a series of standards and best management practices, the visual and environmental impacts are sensitively planned to ensure the impacts on stakeholders, wildlife and wildlife habitat are mitigated.

Permits and Approvals

NU-E is working towards all necessary municipal, provincial and federal permits and approvals for the Project. The Project requires approval from the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) to construct, operate and connect.

- A Noise impact assessment will be conducted as part of the AUC application. NU-E anticipates the Project noise levels will be within permissible limits as outlined in the AUC Rule 012.
- A Solar glare analysis will be conducted as part of the AUC application. NU-E anticipates the identified predicted glare will be mitigated using the Project's tracker technology.
- An Alberta Environment and Parks Fish and Wildlife Stewardship (AEP-FWS) Referral Report will be included in the AUC application.

The Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC), an independent, quasi-judicial agency of the Government of Alberta that ensures a fair and responsible delivery of utility service. The AUC uses an established process to review applications to protect social, economic and environmental interests of Alberta. The AUC is committed to ensure that Albertans whose rights may be directly and adversely affected by a project have an opportunity to have their concerns heard, understood and considered.

For more information on how you can participate, please refer to the enclosed AUC brochure Public Involvement, Participating in the AUC's Independent Review Process.

Next steps- Public Consultation

Your communication is encouraged. NU-E pledges to respond to all questions and concerns in an honest and timely manner.

About NU-E Corp.

NU-E is a Canadian owned and operated solar development company headquartered in Calgary, Alberta. As a future long-term owner and operator of solar power projects in Southern Alberta, NU-E is committed to building lasting partnerships and achieving positive social impacts for the communities in which we work, live and play.

Contact Us

Please contact NU-E to confirm receipt of this package, and for more information on the proposed Lethbridge Two and Lethbridge Three Solar Projects. Your comments and feedback are important to us. Additional Project specific information will be circulated as the Project development progresses.

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

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 60 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.



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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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