

# Notice of hearing Rising Sun Solar Project

# Rising Sun Inc. has filed applications for a solar power plant in the Municipal District of Provost No. 52

Proceeding 29312 Applications 29312-A001 and 29312-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 development applications in Proceeding 29312.

### Written evidence is due March 20, 2025.

Rising Sun Inc. has applied for approval to construct and operate a 125-megawatt solar power plant designated as the Rising Sun Solar Project and the 1147S Rising Sun Substation. The power plant and substation would be sited on 261.5 hectares of cultivated land, located approximately 12 kilometres west of Provost, Alberta, in the north half of sections 10 and 11, in Township 39, Range 4, west of the Fourth Meridian. The applications have been filed under the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act*.

### Additional information about the applications

The applications and any associated documents are publicly available and can be accessed from the eFiling System on the AUC website <a href="www.auc.ab.ca">www.auc.ab.ca</a>. Alternatively, for more information about what is being applied for, or for a copy of the applications, please contact:

Rising Sun Inc.

C/O Green Cat Renewables Canada Corporation

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### **Participant information session**

The AUC holds information sessions to provide information about how to have your say and become involved in its proceedings. The AUC is prepared to provide a virtual information session about options for participating in this proceeding and the local intervener funding that may be available to you to support your participation. The AUC has scheduled an information session on **February 18, 2025, at 4 p.m.** Please contact the lead application officer, Victor Choy, by email at <a href="wictor.choy@auc.ab.ca">wictor.choy@auc.ab.ca</a> by **February 17, 2025**, if you want to participate in an 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 Commission will host a virtual oral hearing, commencing on May 12, 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 Commission will also hold a test session on **May 8, 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. Commission staff will contact the hearing participants and will send email invitations that include the link 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 March 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.

## New participant submissions

If you wish to participate in this proceeding, please visit our website and log in to the eFiling System, go to Proceeding 29312, and register to participate under the "registered parties" tab. For guidance on how to use the eFiling System, please visit <a href="www.auc.ab.ca/how-to-use-efiling">www.auc.ab.ca/how-to-use-efiling</a>. Alternatively, please contact us at 310-4AUC (310-4282) in Alberta or <a href="mailto:info@auc.ab.ca">info@auc.ab.ca</a> 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 applications:

Process step	Date*
Virtual information session	February 18, 2025, 4 p.m.
Interveners' information requests (questions) to applicant	February 21, 2025
deadline	
Applicant's deadline to respond to information requests	March 4, 2025
Interveners' written evidence deadline	March 20, 2025
Information requests to interveners about intervener evidence	April 10, 2025
Interveners' deadline to respond to information requests	April 24, 2025
Applicant's reply evidence deadline	May 1, 2025
Virtual hearing test session	May 8, 2025, 2 p.m.
Commencement of hearing	May 12, 2025, 9 a.m.

<sup>\*</sup> All submissions are due at 4 p.m.

Issued on February 10, 2025.

Alberta Utilities Commission

