

July 12, 2022

Dear Sir or Madam,

RE: Nova Solar Power Project - Project Update

Thank you for your ongoing interest in the Nova Solar Power Plant Project (the Project) being developed by the team at Renewable Energy Systems Canada Inc. (RES). Since October 2021, we have continued to engage with the community, conduct further studies and advance the design of the Project as we move toward filling our project application with the Alberta Utilities Commission (the AUC) in the coming weeks.

During the stakeholder engagement process, RES has been working on Project optimization and incorporating feedback received through the process to the Project layout. Several changes have been made to the Project layout as shown on the enclosed map and summarized below.

- The Project Substation has moved approximately 700m northeast on the original quarter section within the original Project boundary
- The solar panel configuration has changed
- The noise impact and glint and glare assessments were rerun with the updated layout and no change in impact is expected
- The filing date of the facility application is now August 2022

I invite you to review the enclosed updated Project maps and let us know if you have any questions on the Project or the permitting process with the AUC.

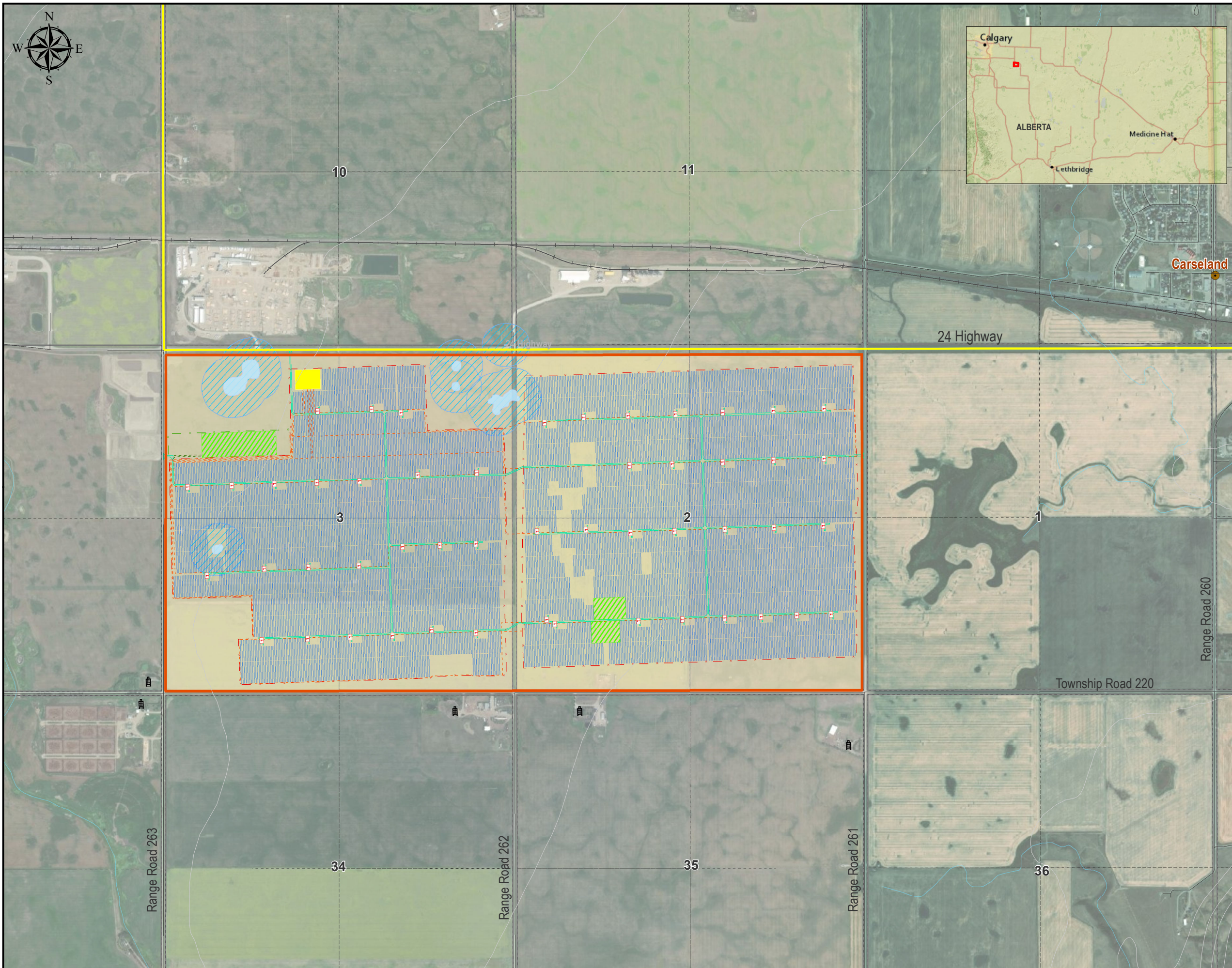
On behalf of RES, I would like to thank you for your attention to this Project. We value your feedback and encourage you to contact us with any questions or comments. You can reach either Georgie at 403.689.9936 or me at 514.607.9055.

We wish you the best in this summer season.

Sincerely,



Andrea Cosman
Development Manager
Renewable Energy Systems Canada Inc.



NOVA SOLAR POWER PLANT Proposed Project Layout

- ### LEGEND
- SITE**
 - Project Boundary
 - QS signed with RES
 - PROJECT COMPONENTS**
 - Proposed Substation NW 3-22-26-4
 - Laydown Yard
 - Proposed Solar Panel Layout
 - Proposed Access Roads
 - Temporary Road
 - MV Cable
 - Inverters
 - Fence
 - Temporary Fence during Construction around Laydown Yard
 - TERRITORY**
 - Roads
 - Highway
 - Railway
 - Towns
 - Residences
 - Wetlands
 - Wetlands - 100m Buffer
 - LAND**
 - Quarter Section
 - Section

Absolute Scale
1:17,000

Coordinate System:
NAD 1983 UTM Zone 12N

0 0.25 0.5 Mile

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Data Sources:
CanVec12, Altalis, ArcGIS Online
Date: July 2022



- LEGEND**
- HAMLET
 - PRIMARY HIGHWAY
 - LOCAL ROAD
 - RAILWAY
 - ▨ LIMIT OF DISTURBANCE
 - ▭ LIMIT OF DISTURBANCE - 800 M BUFFER
 - GLARE RECEPTORS**
 - 🏠 DWELLING
 - RAILWAY
 - ROAD

GLARE MODELLING RESULTS							
DWELLINGS		RAILWAYS		ROADS			
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R02	NO PREDICTED GLARE	CARGILL SIDING	NO PREDICTED GLARE	MCKINNON DRIVE	NO PREDICTED GLARE	RANGE ROAD 262	NO PREDICTED GLARE
R03	NO PREDICTED GLARE	PIONEER SIDING	NO PREDICTED GLARE	PIONEER ACCESS ROAD	NO PREDICTED GLARE	RANGE ROAD 263	NO PREDICTED GLARE
R04	NO PREDICTED GLARE			RAILWAY AVENUE	NO PREDICTED GLARE	TOWNSHIP ROAD 220	NO PREDICTED GLARE
R05	NO PREDICTED GLARE			STELLA-JONES ACCESS ROAD	NO PREDICTED GLARE	TOWNSHIP ROAD 221	NO PREDICTED GLARE
				HIGHWAY 24	NO PREDICTED GLARE		



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RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS CANADA INC.

PROJECT
NOVA SOLAR PROJECT

CONSULTANT	DATE	REVISION
wsp GOLDER	YYYY-MM-DD	2022-07-08
	DESIGNED	VY
	PREPARED	LMS
	REVIEWED	BMS
	APPROVED	TC

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Step 5: Consultation and negotiation (if applicable)*

The Commission supports ongoing efforts to reach an agreeable outcome for the applicant and all affected parties. The Commission encourages the applicant and those who have filed a statement 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 at an AUC hearing.

Step 6: The public hearing process*

The AUC will issue a notice of hearing if there continues to be legitimate unresolved concerns with the application. The notice of hearing will provide a hearing date and location in addition to a process schedule. The AUC conducts public hearings in its Edmonton and Calgary hearing rooms and, where suitable venues exist, in communities closer to the proposed project area.

The public hearing process allows persons with standing that have unresolved concerns about the application, to express their views directly to a panel of Commission members.

An AUC hearing is a formal, evidence-based, court-like proceeding. The public can attend the hearing in person or listen to hearings online through the AUC's website.

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 Commission to be 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: *Local Intervener Funding*, recovery of costs is subject to the Commission assessing the value of the

contribution provided by the lawyer and technical experts. People with similar interests and positions are expected 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 application decision no more than 90 days after the hearing is complete. The Commission can approve, or deny an application and can also make its approval conditional upon terms or conditions. All AUC decision reports are available to any member of the public on the AUC's website or by obtaining a printed copy from the AUC.

Step 8: Opportunity to appeal

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

An applicant or dissatisfied participant can also ask the Commission to review its decision. An application to review a Commission 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 and Variance of Commission Decisions*.

Step 9: Construction, operation and compliance

An applicant that receives approval to build and operate a facility from the Commission 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 under "Compliance and enforcement."

*Opportunity for public involvement

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.

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The Alberta Utilities Commission is 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.



**Participating
in the AUC's
independent
review process**

Application review process

Step 1: Public consultation prior to application by proponent

Step 2: Application filed with the AUC

Step 3: Public notice issued by the AUC

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

www.auc.ab.ca

The AUC's regulatory role in needs and facility applications and its independent review and hearing process:

The AUC uses an established process, outlined in this brochure, to review social, economic and environmental impacts of facility projects to decide if approval is in the public interest. Approvals from the AUC are required for the construction, operation, alteration and decommissioning of transmission lines and electric substations.

Approvals are required for:

- The need for transmission upgrades.
- The route and location of transmission facilities.
- The siting of power plants, including renewables such as wind and solar more than five megawatts.

Sometimes a needs application is considered together with a facility application in a single hearing; sometimes separate hearings may be held to consider each application.

Step 1: Public consultation prior to application*

Prior to filing an application with the AUC for the approval of a proposed utility development, the applicant must engage in a public consultation program in the area of 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 and Hydro Developments*, and AUC Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines*.

Potentially affected parties are strongly encouraged to participate in the initial public consultation, as early involvement in discussions with an applicant may lead to greater influence on project planning and what is submitted to the AUC for approval.

The Alberta Electric System Operator, as the system planner, will notify potentially affected stakeholders of applications on the need for transmission development.

Step 2: Application filed with the AUC

When the participant involvement requirements have been completed, the applicant files its application with the AUC through a public filing system, called the eFiling System, on the AUC website.

The application is then reviewed to ensure the information required by the Commission is included. If the required information is not provided, the AUC may close the application or request more

information from the applicant. In the application, any issues that were raised during the public consultation and any related amendments to the proposal should be identified. All unresolved objections or concerns identified during the public consultation must be described in the application.

Step 3: Public notice

The AUC generally issues a notice by mail directly to those who live, operate a business or occupy land in the project area who may be affected by the Commission's decision on the proposed project. The notice for larger facility projects with potentially greater impacts may also be published in local newspapers.

The notice will specify a submission deadline. The information required by this deadline is general in nature as outlined in Step 4. Additional opportunities to provide evidence and additional information will arise after this deadline.

Step 4: Public submissions to the AUC*

The AUC review process is referred to as a proceeding. Anyone with unresolved objections or concerns about the application can file a brief written statement with the AUC on the proceeding. The easiest way to file a statement is to fill out the form through the eFiling System found on the AUC website. The statement must include your contact information, where you reside or own property in relation to the proposed facility, your concern or interest in the application, an explanation of your position and what you feel the AUC should decide.

The AUC uses the information it gathers through the forms to decide whether to hold a hearing on the application(s). The Commission must hold a hearing if a person can demonstrate that he or she has rights that may be directly or adversely affected by the Commission's decision on the application. Such a person is said to have standing before the Commission. If the AUC decides to hold a hearing, the AUC will provide further opportunities for participants with standing to understand the application and present their position on the application either in writing or in person.

Subject to some limited exceptions, all information and materials provided as part of an AUC proceeding will become part of the public record and will be available through the eFiling System. The AUC's treatment of some types of information as confidential is rare and only available under limited circumstances to ensure that the AUC's process is open and transparent.

AUC eFiling System

The eFiling System is the 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 and is how to provide your input to the AUC and monitor the 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.

***Opportunity for public involvement**