

May 28, 2024

To: Parties currently registered in Proceeding 28725

**Acestes Power ULC
Ponoka Solar Project
Proceeding 28725
Applications 28725-A001 and 28725-A002**

Request for abeyance

1. On May 27, 2024, counsel for Acestes Power ULC requested that the Alberta Utilities Commission place this proceeding into abeyance because it believes that the current regulatory environment for renewable energy development on good quality agricultural land is sufficiently unclear that it is not prepared to proceed at this time. Acestes indicated that it will wait to see what policy and legislative changes are brought forward by the provincial government prior to the end of 2024¹ and how these affect the Commission's regulatory processes before making the decision whether to proceed with the applications.
2. The Commission considers Acestes' request to be reasonable and has therefore decided to place this proceeding into abeyance. All previously scheduled procedural steps, including the filing of evidence and the scheduled oral hearing dates, are therefore suspended until further notice.
3. The Commission requires Acestes to provide the Commission with an update on the status of its applications **no later than by 4 p.m. on Friday, January 31, 2025.**
4. Should you have any questions, please contact Mustakimul Hoque at 403-592-4509 or by email at mustakimul.hoque@auc.ab.ca.

Yours truly,

Mustakimul Hoque
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¹ The Commission relatedly notes that the Government of Alberta's Fall 2024 Legislative session is currently scheduled from October 28 to December 5, 2024.