

Power Plant Approval 24650-D02-2019

Appendix 1 to Decision 24650-D01-2019	October 1, 2019
Yellow Lake Solar GP Corp. Yellow Lake Solar Project Power Plant	Proceeding 24650 Application 24650-A001

Yellow Lake Solar GP Corp. (Yellow Lake), pursuant to Approval 23365-D02-2018,¹ has approval to construct and operate a 19-megawatt solar power plant designated as the Yellow Lake Solar Project, located near the village of Burdett. The construction completion date for the power plant was stipulated to be on or before July 31, 2020.

Yellow Lake, by Application 24650-A001 registered on June 17, 2019, applied to the Alberta Utilities Commission for approval to alter the specified generation equipment and to extend the completion date of the power plant to December 31, 2021.

The Commission, pursuant to sections 11 and 19 of the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act*, approved the application in Decision 24650-D01-2019,² and granted an approval to Yellow Lake to construct and operate the power plant, subject to the provisions of the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act* and the *Alberta Utilities Commission Act*, any regulations made under the acts, any orders made under the acts, the Commission rules made pursuant to the *Alberta Utilities Commission Act*, and the following terms and conditions:

1. The power plant shall be located in the northwest quarter of Section 13, Township 8, Range 12, west of the Fourth Meridian.
2. The power plant shall consist of approximately 75,000 solar photovoltaic panels, with a total generating capability of 19 megawatts, and as more particularly described in Application 24650-A001.
3. Yellow Lake shall submit a construction progress report to the Commission in writing, once every six months, pursuant to Section 3 of the *Hydro and Electric Energy Regulation*. The first progress report shall be filed with the Commission six months from the date of issuance of this approval.
4. Once Yellow Lake has made its final selection of equipment for the project, it must file a letter with the Commission in which it identifies the make, model, and quantity of the equipment, and include an updated site plan if the equipment layout has changed. This letter must also confirm that the finalized design of the project will not increase the land, noise, or

¹ Power Plant Approval 23365-D02-2018, Proceeding 23365, Application 23365-A001, August 16, 2018.

² Decision 24650-D01-2019: Yellow Lake Solar GP Corp. – Yellow Lake Solar Project Amendment and Time Extension, Proceeding 24650, Application 24650-A001, October 1, 2019.

environmental impacts beyond those reflected in the materials submitted by Yellow Lake in its application and approved by the Commission. The letter is to be filed no later than 90 days before construction is scheduled to begin.

5. Yellow Lake shall file a report with the Commission detailing any complaints or concerns about solar glare that are brought to its attention during its first year of operation, as well as Yellow Lake's response. Yellow Lake shall file this report no later than 13 months after the project becomes operational.
6. Yellow Lake shall submit an annual post-construction monitoring survey report to Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) and the Commission within 13 months of the project becoming operational, and on or before the same date, every subsequent year for which AEP requires surveys pursuant to Section 3(3) of Rule 033: *Post-approval Monitoring Requirements for Wind and Solar Power Plants*.
7. Yellow Lake shall notify the Commission within 30 days of completing construction of the power plant.
8. Unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, construction of the power plant shall be completed by January 31, 2022.
9. Yellow Lake shall obtain Commission approval prior to making any material changes to the power plant or substantially varying the design and/or specifications of the power plant from what was stated in the application or from what the Commission has approved.
10. This approval is not transferable unless approved by the Commission.

Approval 23365-D02-2018 is rescinded.

The Commission may cancel or suspend this approval, in whole or in part, in accordance with Section 41 of the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act* or may review this approval, in whole or in part, upon its own motion or upon an application by an interested party, in accordance with Section 10 of the *Alberta Utilities Commission Act*.

The Commission may, within 30 days of the date of this approval and without notice, correct typographical, spelling and calculation errors and other similar types of errors and post the corrected approval on its website.

Alberta Utilities Commission

(original signed by)

Joanne Phillips
Commission Member