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**Re: Wheatcrest Solar Facility Connection Project – Update January 2022**

As a follow up to our letter in November 2021, BluEarth Renewables, through its subsidiary BER Wheatcrest Solar LP (BluEarth), is proposing the construction of the Wheatcrest 1039S substation and a 138-kilovolt transmission line (the “Project”) to connect the approved 60-megawatt Wheatcrest Solar Project to the Alberta Interconnected Electric System (AIES).

We have not yet heard from many in the area and wish to ensure that you have received the information from our team. We ask that you please contact our team by email or phone to acknowledge receipt of the package and to update your contact information for future Project notices prior to our regulatory submission in spring of 2022. We thank those who have contacted the project team.

**Has anything changed since our last notification?**

At this time, the only change from material initially presented in our 2021 package is the anticipated in-service date for the project (transmission line and solar facility) is expected for the first half of 2023.

**Alberta Utilities Commission– Responsible for regulatory approval**

BluEarth will complete and submit a Facilities Application for review and approval by the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) by the spring of 2022. As part of the Facilities Application, the environmental evaluation, environmental protection plans, mitigation measures, route determination process, and feedback received by the public, will be provided for the AUC’s consideration. These documents will be available to the public for comment and BluEarth will notify you by mail when the Project is filed.

Information regarding the AUC review process can be found at [www.auc.ab.ca](http://www.auc.ab.ca).

**Market Participant Choice**

The Alberta Electric System Operator has deemed this Project as eligible under its Market Participant Choice option meaning the Project will be permitted and constructed by BluEarth. Once commissioned, BluEarth will transfer the Project to AltaLink who will assume the role of Transmission Facility Owner and operator of the transmission line. AltaLink will be undertaking their own engagement process with those near the Project’s interconnection.

**Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) – Responsible for Project Need**

The AESO is an independent, not-for-profit organization responsible for the safe, reliable, and economic planning and operation of the provincial transmission grid. For more information about why this Project is needed, please refer to the AESO's Need Overview included with this package or visit [www.aeso.ca](http://www.aeso.ca). If you have any questions or concerns about the need for this Project or the proposed transmission

development to meet the need you may contact the AESO directly. You can make your questions or concerns known to a transmission facility owner representative who will collect your personal information for the purpose of addressing your questions and/or concerns to the AESO. This process may include disclosure of your personal information to the AESO. The AESO can be contacted by email at [stakeholder.relations@aeso.ca](mailto:stakeholder.relations@aeso.ca), phone 1-888-866-2959 or more information can be found on the AESO website at [www.aeso.ca](http://www.aeso.ca)

### Questions or comments?

Feedback from the community is important to us as we move towards finalizing the Project and its location. We wish to understand potential impacts early in the process to develop potential mitigation measures to lessen impact to people and the environment.

Please contact our team member Trevor at [tjoyal@maskwaenv.com](mailto:tjoyal@maskwaenv.com) or (403) 598-4156 if you have any questions or visit the project website at <https://bluearthrenewables.com/projects/wheatcrest-solar-project/>.

Regards,  
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*Enclosure: AESO Need Overview document*