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I understand that you have a number of concerns you are seeking to address<sup>3</sup>:

- With respect to **land reclamation** concerns, please note that solar sites will remain viable well past the end of life of the original panels, and this will significantly reduce land reclamation needs. Additionally, The Government of Alberta already has reclamation [Guidelines for Renewable Energy Operations](#) which address this matter.
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I belong to a solar energy cooperative in the Peace region, we were a week away from our turn to be reviewed through the AUC when this moratorium suddenly brought everything to an abrupt halt. We are proposing a small 5 Megawatt solar farm which would have meant jobs and clean energy for the Peace region. This pause is completely unnecessary and an added expense and burden to our cooperative.

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