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Honourable Nathan Neudorf
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Dear Minister Neudorf and Mr. Surgenor,

I am writing to formally request that the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) conduct a review of Decision 28295-D01-2025 regarding the approval of the PACE Solar Project in the hamlet of Caroline, Alberta.

A key concern surrounding this decision is that the Village of Caroline was amalgamated into Clearwater County after the initial application for the solar project was made. Given the change in governance, I believe it is in the best interest of all stakeholders to ensure that the decision-making process reflects the current municipal framework and adequately considers the perspectives of Clearwater County and its residents. A review of this decision would provide an opportunity to assess whether the land use policies and community engagement requirements under the new municipal structure were appropriately addressed.

I respectfully urge your office and the AUC to initiate a review under AUC Rule 016 to ensure that due diligence has been followed in this matter. The concerns raised by local residents regarding land use, community consultation, and procedural fairness warrant a reconsideration of the approval process for this project.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your response and appreciate your commitment to transparency and community engagement in Alberta's energy project approvals.

Sincerely,

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