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Cypress County statement regarding renewable energy approvals pause

Earlier today the Alberta Utilities Commission announced a pause on new renewable electricity generation projects over one megawatt until Feb. 29, 2024, and that it will review policies and procedures relating to such projects.

“We’re glad to see this step taken by the province with regards to renewable energy projects,” says Cypress County Reeve Dan Hamilton. “Our landowners have shared their concerns with us and it’s important to ensure these projects are fair and well thought-out for both sides.”

“One of the most important pieces of these projects is how we deal with land reclamation. Having a long-term plan for what happens to the land is a crucial step in making these projects work for all parties. Renewable energy has the potential to be good for environment, but not if it leaves the land unusable for future generations.”

“We want to see projects that are operational and functional, and stay that way. If they’re not maintained, we want the land restored.”