

Federal Authority Advice Record (FAAR)

FAAR Response must be submitted by August 6, 2025

Josephburg Condensate Fractionation Project – Keyera Energy Ltd.

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1. Will your department or agency exercise a **power, perform a duty or function**, or provide **financial assistance**, related to the project to enable it to be carried out in whole or in part?

As relevant,

- a) Specify the power, duty or function, or financial assistance, and the likelihood that it will be required to construct the project, based on the Initial Project Description, as either Required, Potential, Likely, Unlikely or Not Required
- b) Describe any associated Indigenous or public consultation, including timelines
- c) Describe any associated information requirements (e.g., alternative means assessment, habitat offsetting), and specify those that may be coordinated with the impact assessment process, if an impact assessment is required¹
- d) Identify any associated project-specific guidance or issues of which the proponent should be aware, or information the proponent should provide.

No.

2. Identify project- and context- specific **key issues**, based on the expertise within your mandate² and the information in your possession, including the Initial Project Description, any exchanges with the proponent or others related to the project and known means to address the effects of the project. For each key issue:

- a) Specify the key issue (e.g., specific species and location)
- b) Specify the project component or activity linked to the key issue
- c) Explain why it's a key issue based on:
 - i. biophysical effect pathway(s) from the specific project component or activity
 - ii. concern unique to the project or a priority within your mandate
 - iii. the issue being material³ to decision making under the *Impact Assessment Act*
- d) Identify how the issue could be resolved, including through means other than an impact assessment
- e) Identify additional information the proponent could provide including to give confidence on how the issue can be addressed through other means.

Please see the enclosed ESDC Socio-Economic Checklist for key issues and value-components.

Eva Lazar – Executive Director

Name and title of Departmental / Agency Responder

July 30th, 2025

Date

¹ The Government of Canada has set a target of five years or less to complete federal impact assessments and related permitting processes for federally designated projects and a three-year target for nuclear project reviews.

² Refer to the [Memoranda of Understanding with IAAC](#).

³ An issue is material to decision making if its analysis is anticipated to affect the conclusions on (1) whether adverse effects within federal jurisdiction or direct and incidental adverse effects (collectively adverse federal effects) are likely not significant, or of low, medium or high significance; (2) appropriate mitigation measures for significant adverse federal effects; or (3) justification in the public interest.

Table - Clarifications or additional information the Proponent could include in the response to Summary of Issues

Comment ID	Relevant section of the Initial Project Description	Description of Issue, Concern or Uncertainty	Clarification or additional information	Plain language summary for inclusion in Summary of Issues
<p>Please identify comments by organization and comment number.</p> <p>e.g.: IAAC-01</p>	<p>If the comment is related to a specific section of the Initial Project Description, please provide a reference.</p> <p>You may also choose to copy the relevant text here.</p>	<p>Provide a description of the issue, concern or uncertainty the proponent could address in their response to Summary of Issues and, if IAAC requires it, in their Detailed Project Description that would give confidence that the issue will be addressed and managed, by clear measures, existing guidelines, regulatory processes or other existing tools, and thus be the subject of simplified information requests in the guidelines, or simply be removed.</p>	<p>Provide recommended clarification or additional information to be included in their response to the Summary of Issues and, if IAAC requires it, in their Detailed Project Description to address the issue, concern or uncertainty, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarifications to elements of the project description (e.g. components, activities, locations or alternatives); • Proposed project design changes that could avoid effects; • Evidence that could be presented to demonstrate there is no effect pathway of effect or that effects would be negligible; • Evidence that standard mitigations will address potential effects • Commitments the proponent could make to respond to the issue, including the implementation of federal operational policies or guidance documents. 	<p>For issues to be included in the Summary of Issues, provide a concise, plain language synopsis of the issue and of the question or direction for the proponent.</p>
ESDC-01	3.3 Health, Social, and Economic Context (p.12).	"No health, social or economic concerns regarding the proposed Project have been identified during engagement to date.", (p.12).	The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) is currently in the process of determining if the proposed Project will be designated for an impact assessment (IA). As such, the proponent could qualify this statement that the health, social, and economic impacts of the proposed Project could potentially be of concern.	
ESDC-02	3.3 Health, Social, and Economic Context (p.12).	"Strathcona County boasts a robust economy, with leading industries of agriculture and agrifood, hydrogen and petrochemicals, construction, technical services, transportation, and manufacturing (Strathcona County, 2024b).", (p.12).	The proponent could be asked to expand on how the project will positively effect the overall health of the Strathcona County, including indirect and induced impacts. As well, the proponent could be asked to expand on how the overall health of the Strathcona County economy will impact the proposed Project in either a positive or negative way.	
ESDC-03	3.3 Health, Social, and Economic Context (p.12).	"Economic activity continues to create job demand in the County and in the province of Alberta.", (p.12).	The proponent could be asked to provide a detailed labour market description and analysis in this section of the Initial Project Description (IPD) regarding what kind of economic activity in the Strathcona County has resulted in job creation and how the proposed Project will assist in additional job creation.	
ESDC-04	5.4 Indigenous Peoples (p.13).	<p>"To date, no site-specific issues or impacts to Treaty or Indigenous Rights have been raised by Indigenous groups during consultation.", (p.13).</p> <p>"No adverse effects on Indigenous peoples are expected to occur as a result of the Project.", (p.13).</p>	The proponent could provide or refer to any comprehensive socio-economic, health or environmental studies that have been conducted regarding the impact the proposed Project will have on its surrounding communities, including Indigenous peoples.	

ESDC-05	5.5 Health, Social or Economic Conditions (p.14).	"To date, no health, social or economic issues or concerns regarding the Project have been identified during Project engagement or Indigenous consultation. Potential effects of the Project are anticipated to be beneficial from a social and economic perspective, or negligible if adverse.", (p.14).	The proponent could be asked to provide concrete evidence to support these assertions to ensure that they are not based purely on speculation.	
ESDC-06	5.5 Health, Social or Economic Conditions (p.14).	"The Project is not expected to result in significant changes to population makeup or negatively affect Indigenous peoples or community well-being.", (p.14).	The proponent could provide evidence to support this assertion with respect to the following: its definition of non-significant changes to the impacted populations; the segments of the impacted populations it is referring to regarding adjustments to population makeup; and how it defines the negative affects the proposed Project would not have on Indigenous People's community well-being.	
ESDC-07	5.5 Health, Social or Economic Conditions (p.14).	"The Project is predicted to create approximately 700 - 800 full time equivalent construction jobs lasting about two years. Beneficial economic effects are also predicted to be generated during construction through spending associated with the workforce. Once operational, the Josephburg Project will require approximately 50 full-time staff.", (p.14).	The source of the employment forecast that is being referred to here in the IPD could be provided by the proponent.	
ESDC-08	5.5 Health, Social or Economic Conditions (p.14).	"Keyera's Indigenous Relations and Supply Chain Management teams consider Indigenous participation in contracting opportunities related to our projects and operations. Keyera will continue to work with Indigenous groups to understand their interest in participating in construction or operations opportunities.", (p.14).	The proponent could specify here on the work and approach to meaningful engagement with Indigenous peoples with reference to projects and operations. It should include the required job skills and training designed for Indigenous peoples in order for them to take advantage of any employment opportunities generated by the proposed Project. The proponent may also wish to provide the selection/merit criteria for Indigenous contracting.	
ESDC-09	5.5 Health, Social or Economic Conditions (p.14).	"Given the various social and economic measures that will be implemented by Keyera for the proposed Project it is not predicted that diverse groups of people (e.g., gender, class, culture, Indigeneity, or ability) will be differentially affected by the Project.", (p.14).	Regarding this assertion in the IPD, the following could be specified by proponent: the specific social and economic measures it intends to implement for the proposed Project; and how those specific measures will offset any potential negative results associated with the proposed Project to those populations that are being referred to.	

Please insert additional rows as necessary.