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ENHANCED CLARITY ON LAND BETTERMENT CHARGE FOR SOLAR DEVELOPMENTS

Who Should Know:

Solar developers, architects and engineers

Effective Date:

With effect from 1 September 2025

1. With effect from 1 September 2025, solar deployments will be subsumed under Utility use (classified as Use Group D) within the Land Betterment Charge ("LBC") Use Groups Table. With this change, the existing LBC Table of Rates, which is updated and publicised every six months in March and September, can be readily used by developers to determine the LBC payable for solar deployments upfront based on the proposed GFA quantum¹.
2. The change will enable landowners/developers to independently estimate the LBC amount for solar deployments without requiring a spot valuation, providing greater clarity on the LBC upfront.
3. Solar developers and their appointed Qualified Persons may refer to the [LBC Circular](#) dated 5 July 2022 for examples on how to compute LBC using the Table of Rates Method.
4. This initiative is part of the Government's wider efforts, led by the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Pro-Enterprise Rules Review, to review regulations and reduce compliance burden for businesses.
5. For further queries, please contact us at <https://www.sla.gov.sg/contact-us>.
6. Thank you.

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¹ This includes the GFA of buildings / structures that are needed to support the solar deployment (e.g. substations and sheds/shelters over equipment). Covered spaces underneath solar panels are generally excluded from GFA, unless these covered areas are enclosed at the sides, or used for other purposes. Please refer to URA's online GFA handbook for more information on what is/is not counted as GFA.