

Notice

Compliance filing for disposal of 2015-2017 transmission deferral accounts and annual filing for adjustment balances

Proceeding 26247 ATCO Electric Ltd.

The Alberta Utilities Commission, the independent utilities regulator, will be considering the application for ATCO Electric Ltd.'s 2015-2017 transmission deferral accounts and annual filing for adjustment balances compliance filing to Decision 24375-D01-2020¹ to ensure that the delivery of Alberta's utility service takes place in a manner that is fair, responsible and in the public interest. If you feel you may be affected by this application, you can provide input to the AUC to review before it makes its decision.

ATCO Electric filed an application on January 18, 2021, requesting approval of its 2015-2017 transmission deferral accounts and annual filing for adjustment balances. Following review of the application, the Commission found that ATCO Electric's compliance application was incomplete as ATCO Electric did not file sufficient information to demonstrate compliance with directions 9 and 10 in the decision.

By way of a letter dated January 28, 2021, the Commission directed ATCO Electric to file additional information to demonstrate compliance with directions 9 and 10 and with all outstanding directions from the decision, including updates to direction responses for directions 13 and 14 if required. ATCO Electric was further directed to update the application and to flow all resulting changes through all related direction responses and schedules.

On February 5, 2021, ATCO Electric submitted a letter² enclosing application revisions, in accordance with the Commission deadline.

AUC process

On October 18, 2016, the Commission issued Bulletin 2016-18³ regarding rate proceedings process improvements.

¹ Decision 24375-D01-2020: ATCO Electric Ltd., Disposal of 2015-2017 Transmission Deferral Accounts and Annual Filing for Adjustment Balances, Proceeding 24375, November 30, 2020.

² Exhibit 26247-X0014, AET letter enclosing application revisions.

³ Bulletin 2016-18, Rates proceedings process improvements, October 18, 2016.

In Bulletin 2016-18, the Commission set out a streamlined process for compliance filings by having only the AUC review issues that are defined as routine. The Commission defined routine “as a compliance filing, or a specific issue(s) within a compliance filing, that is comprised of a single or multiple issues, that is straightforward in content or mechanical in nature, and addresses a Commission direction(s) from a previous decision(s) where there is no room for interpretation on what the Commission directed and how the utility is intended to give effect to the direction(s), without reference to, or introduction of, potentially contentious issues.”

The Commission has reviewed Proceeding 26247 and considers that the compliance filing addressing Decision 24375-D01-2020, with respect to ATCO Electric’s 2015-2017 transmission deferral accounts and annual filing for adjustment balances, is routine in nature and does not include any contentious issues. Therefore, this proceeding will follow a streamlined process. As such, the Commission will make its decision with no further notice or process. Notwithstanding, an intervener may challenge the Commission’s designation of routine by filing a written submission on the record of this proceeding. The submission should clearly explain the necessity for the intervention.

Written submissions are due February 19, 2021.

To register your concerns, or your support for the application, please visit the AUC website and log in to the eFiling System to file your submission for Proceeding 26247. If you do not have access to the internet, send your name, address, phone number, organization you are representing, description of your interest in the proceeding, position including information in support of the position and reasons why the AUC should decide in the manner recommended, and whether further process is required. If no written submissions are received, the Commission may make its decision without further notice or process.

To learn more about the application and review process, contact:
David Cherniwchan at 780-422-4308 or email your questions to david.cherniwchan@auc.ab.ca.

The application, and any associated documents being reviewed, are publicly available on our website. Alternatively, you may contact the applicant’s representative, Lisa Brennand, at 780-913-0170 or by email at lisa.brennand@atco.com for further details about what is being applied for, or for a copy of the application.

Privacy

To support an open and transparent process, information you send to the AUC will be publicly available through the AUC’s eFiling System. If there is confidential information you would like to file, a request must be made in advance of filing your submission.

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Alberta Utilities Commission