

# Notice

## Consultation on 2023 cost-of-service review

### Proceeding 26354

The Alberta Utilities Commission, the independent utilities regulator, is initiating a streamlined proceeding to determine the process of establishing 2023 rates for electric and natural gas distribution facility owners (DFO); namely, Apex Utilities Inc., ATCO Electric Ltd. (distribution), ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (distribution), ENMAX Power Corporation (distribution), EPCOR Distribution & Transmission Inc. (distribution) and FortisAlberta Inc.

As outlined in Bulletin 2021-04, the Commission determined to proceed with a one-year cost-of-service review to establish 2023 rates. However, to minimize regulatory burden associated with undertaking a cost-of-service review of six DFO applications, the Commission is looking to employ alternatives to a traditional line-by-line review of utilities' forecast costs and is seeking input from stakeholders in this regard.

The Commission has pre-registered the six distribution utilities under the 2018-2022 performance-based regulation (PBR) plans as participants in Proceeding 26354. The Commission has also pre-registered intervening parties that actively participated in prior PBR-related proceedings; namely, The City of Calgary, the Consumers' Coalition of Alberta, and the Office of the Utilities Consumer Advocate. If any pre-registered party does not wish to participate, it may change its status to "Inactive" in the eFiling System to the proceeding(s).

If you feel you may be affected by this proceeding, you can provide input to the AUC for its review before it makes its decision.

**Statements of intent to participate are due March 10, 2021. Comments from registered parties on specific items outlined by the Commission in its correspondence under Exhibit 26354-X0007 are due March 22, 2021.**

Parties, other than parties who have been pre-registered by the Commission, who wish to participate in the proceeding, may do so by filing a statement of intent to participate. 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 26354. 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, please contact Olexandr Vasetsky at 403-592-4417 or by email at [olexandr.vasetsky@auc.ab.ca](mailto:olexandr.vasetsky@auc.ab.ca) or Artyom Jukov, at 403-592-4507 or by email at [artyom.jukov@auc.ab.ca](mailto:artyom.jukov@auc.ab.ca).

## Schedule

As outlined in its letter of March 1, 2021, the Commission has established the following schedule and process to conduct this proceeding:

<b>Process step</b>	<b>Due date*</b>
Statement of intent to participate from parties not pre-registered	March 10, 2021
Comments from registered parties on the timing and form of the 2023 applications	March 22, 2021
Reply comments from registered parties on recommendations made by other parties	April 5, 2021
Commission's decision on the timing and form of 2023 forecast applications for each DFO	April-May 2021

\*Note: all submissions are due by 4 p.m. on the date indicated.

## 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.

Issued on March 1, 2021.

Alberta Utilities Commission