

Notice

Evaluation of performance-based regulation in Alberta

Proceeding 26356

Alberta's electric and gas distribution utilities are presently regulated under a performance-based regulation (PBR) framework pursuant to five-year plans approved by the Alberta Utilities Commission, which expire in December 2022. In this generic proceeding,¹ the Commission will consider submissions to evaluate the successes and shortcomings of the past and current PBR plans established for Apex Utilities Inc. (formerly AltaGas Utilities Inc.), ATCO Electric Ltd. (distribution), ATCO Gas, a division of ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd., ENMAX Power Corporation (distribution), FortisAlberta Inc., and EPCOR Distribution & Transmission Inc. (distribution).

The focus of this proceeding is to gather input and feedback related to evaluation of PBR in Alberta, and to this end the Commission has provided several specific questions² to participants in order to collect pertinent examples and supporting data to corroborate and bolster opinions on the success or shortcomings of Alberta's PBR plans thus far.

Statements of intent to participate (SIP) are due March 10, 2021. Comments from registered parties on specific items outlined by the Commission in its letter under Exhibit 26356-X0008 are due April 22, 2021.

Parties who have participated in the previous generic PBR proceedings have already been pre-registered to participate in this proceeding; namely, the gas and electric distribution utilities named above, as well as the Office of the Utilities Consumer Advocate, The City of Calgary and the Consumers' Coalition of Alberta. 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.

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 SIP. 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 26356. If you do not have access to the internet, send your

¹ Generic proceeding initiated pursuant to Bulletin 2021-04, March 1, 2021.

² Exhibit 26356-X0008, AUC letter – Proceeding details, March 1, 2021.

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: please contact Olexandr Vasetsky at 403-592-4417 or by email at olexandr.vasetsky@auc.ab.ca or Chris Robertshaw, at 780-422-4107 or by email at chris.robertshaw@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:

Process step	Due date*
SIPs from interested parties not pre-registered	March 10, 2021
Answers to Commission questions	April 22, 2021
Follow-up questions from the Commission to parties	May 6, 2021
Comments on other parties' answers to the Commission's initial and follow-up questions	May 20, 2021
Commission correspondence on the distribution rate regulation after 2023	June 30, 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