



## **The City of Red Deer**

### **2024 Interim Transmission Facility Owner Tariff**

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## **1 Decision summary**

1. This decision provides the Alberta Utilities Commission’s decision on an application by the City of Red Deer (Red Deer) for approval of its 2024 interim transmission facility owner (TFO) tariff. For the reasons below, Red Deer’s 2024 interim refundable TFO tariff of \$467,397 per month is approved, effective January 1, 2024.

## **2 Background**

2. On November 8, 2023, Red Deer filed an application with the Commission requesting approval of an interim and refundable TFO tariff, effective January 1, 2024. Red Deer indicated that it is currently in the process of preparing a 2024 general tariff application, but it did not anticipate that a final tariff would be in place before January 1, 2024. In the application, Red Deer requested to continue its currently approved 2023 tariff<sup>1</sup> of \$467,397 per month on an interim and refundable basis until such time as the Commission approves either a revised interim or a final tariff.<sup>2</sup>

3. The Commission issued notice of the application on November 9, 2023, but received no statements of intent to participate by the November 16, 2023, deadline. The Commission considers the close of record for this proceeding to be November 16, 2023.

## **3 Commission findings**

4. In Decision 27878-D01-2023, the Commission approved an annual TFO tariff revenue requirement for Red Deer in the amount of \$5.609 million for 2023.<sup>3</sup> The 2023 approved TFO tariff revenue requirement translates to a monthly charge to the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) of \$467,397, effective January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023.

5. Red Deer is requesting to continue its currently approved 2023 tariff on an interim and refundable basis at a monthly rate of \$467,397 until such time as the Commission approves either a revised interim or a final tariff.

6. The Commission finds that Red Deer’s request to continue with its approved 2023 TFO tariff on an interim refundable basis is reasonable because:

- a final 2024 TFO tariff will not be approved and in place before January 1, 2024; and

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<sup>1</sup> Decision 27878-D01-2023: The City of Red Deer, 2021-2023 Transmission Facility Owner General Tariff Application, Proceeding 27878, March 24, 2023.

<sup>2</sup> Exhibit 28600-X0001, RD 2024 Interim TFO Tariff Application.

<sup>3</sup> Decision 27878-D01-2023, PDF page 8, paragraph 27.

- the interim rate promotes short-term rate stability and will allow for Red Deer’s rates to be true-up to reflect the final 2024 TFO tariff once approved by the Commission.

7. The Commission also notes that no customer representative(s) or other interested party applied to intervene or otherwise objected to the application.

8. Accordingly, the Commission approves a 2024 interim refundable TFO tariff of \$467,397 per month, effective January 1, 2024. However, in so doing, the Commission wishes to repeat the encouragement from Decision 27878-D01-2023 that Red Deer should, in future, be filing its tariff applications to ensure prospectivity. This can avoid, in whole or in part, the need for future interim rates and associated true-ups to reflect any differences between interim and final rates.

9. The 2024 interim refundable TFO tariff approval shall remain in effect until replaced by a revised interim or final tariff.

#### 4 Order

10. It is hereby ordered that:

- (1) The City of Red Deer’s 2024 transmission facility owner tariff is approved on an interim basis in the amount of \$467,397 per month, effective January 1, 2024, as reflected in the rate schedule attached as [Appendix 2](#) to this decision, and shall remain in effect until otherwise directed by the Commission.

Dated on December 1, 2023.

#### Alberta Utilities Commission

*(original signed by)*

Kristjana Kellgren  
Executive Director, Rates  
On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

**Appendix 1 – Proceeding participants**

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| <b>Name of organization (abbreviation)</b><br><b>Company name of counsel or representative</b> |
| The City of Red Deer (Red Deer)  |

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| Alberta Utilities Commission                                  |
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| Commission staff<br>A. Starkov<br>P. Baker<br>C. Meulenbroek  |

## Appendix 2 – The City of Red Deer 2024 interim transmission facility owner tariff

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The tariff charged to the AESO on an interim refundable basis for the use of The City of Red Deer's transmission facilities is as follows:

- For the period commencing January 1, 2024: A monthly charge of \$467,397.