



## **City of Lethbridge**

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

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## **1 Decision summary**

1. In this decision, the Alberta Utilities Commission approves the City of Lethbridge's 2024 interim transmission facility owner (TFO) tariff. For the reasons below, Lethbridge's 2024 interim refundable TFO tariff of \$790,451 per month is approved, effective January 1, 2024, until such time as final rates are approved.

## **2 Background**

2. On November 30, 2023, Lethbridge filed an application with the Commission requesting approval of its 2024-2026 TFO tariff and approval of the 2024 TFO tariff on an interim and refundable basis, effective January 1, 2024. Lethbridge indicated that it did not anticipate that the proposed 2024-2026 tariff would be approved in advance of January 1, 2024, and therefore requested the proposed 2024 tariff to be approved on an interim and refundable basis until such time as the Commission approves either a revised interim and refundable tariff or a final tariff.<sup>1</sup> In the application, Lethbridge stated that it is requesting the 2024 tariff be approved rather than the 2023 tariff because it is the lesser of the two.

3. The Commission issued notice of application on November 30, 2023. Any party with concerns about the application was required to file a statement to intent to participate on or before December 14, 2023. No submissions were received in response to the notice of application.

## **3 Commission findings**

4. In Decision 27213-D01-2022, the Commission approved an annual TFO tariff revenue requirement for Lethbridge in the amount of \$9,835,995 for 2023.<sup>2</sup> The 2023 approved TFO tariff revenue requirement translates to a monthly charge to the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) of \$819,666, effective January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023.

5. In the current application, Lethbridge is requesting approval of its proposed 2024 TFO tariff revenue requirement in the amount of \$9,485,400,<sup>3</sup> which translates to a monthly charge to the AESO of \$790,451,<sup>4</sup> effective January 1, 2024.

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<sup>1</sup> Exhibit 28671-X0001, application, PDF page 1.

<sup>2</sup> Decision 27213-D01-2022: City of Lethbridge, 2021-2023 General Tariff Application Compliance Filing, Proceeding 27213, March 15, 2022.

<sup>3</sup> Exhibit 28671-X0001, application, PDF page 14, paragraph 24.

<sup>4</sup> Exhibit 28671-X0001, application, PDF page 69.

6. The Commission finds that Lethbridge's request to approve its 2024 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
- the proposed 2024 TFO tariff is less than the currently approved 2023 TFO tariff, and approving interim rates that reflect the 2024 forecast will minimize the impact of any required true-up to reflect differences between interim and final rates.

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 \$790,451 per month, effective January 1, 2024. The 2024 interim refundable TFO tariff approval shall remain in effect until replaced by a final tariff.

#### **4 Order**

9. It is hereby ordered that:

- (1) The City of Lethbridge's 2024 transmission facility owner tariff is approved on an interim basis in the amount of \$790,451 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 19, 2023.

**Alberta Utilities Commission**

*(original signed by)*

Cairns Price  
Commission Member

**Appendix 1 – Proceeding participants**

<b>Name of organization (abbreviation)</b> <b>Company name of counsel or representative</b>
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## Appendix 2 – Lethbridge 2024 interim TFO tariff

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

- For the period commencing January 1, 2024: A monthly charge of \$790,451.