

ADVICE TO MINISTER
For Introductory Meeting with Alberta Utilities Commission Chair

Nathan Neudorf, Minister	Affordability and Utilities
Carolyn Dahl Rees, Chair	Alberta Utilities Commission
Tim Grant, Deputy Minister	Affordability and Utilities
AUC office – Eau Claire Tower, 1400, 600 Third Ave SW	June 29, 2023, at 10:30am – 11:30am

PURPOSE

- The Minister of Affordability and Utilities is having an introductory meeting with the Chair of the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC), [REDACTED]

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KEY MESSAGES

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CONSIDERATIONS/BACKGROUND

- The AUC is an independent, quasi-judicial agency of the province of Alberta responsible for ensuring that the delivery of Alberta's utility service takes place in a manner that is fair, responsible, and in the public interest.
- The Alberta government appoints members of the AUC. The Chair of the AUC adjudicates and chairs key hearings in all areas of AUC operations.
- The AUC regulates various aspects of the utilities sector, as well as natural gas and electricity markets, to protect the social, economic, and environmental interests of Albertans where competitive market forces do not.
- The AUC employs fair, open, and transparent regulatory processes and makes sound, principled decisions based on the evidence before it and in accordance with applicable acts and regulations.
- The AUC regulates investor-owned natural gas, electric, and water utilities and certain municipally-owned electric utilities to ensure that customers receive safe and reliable service at just and reasonable rates.
- The AUC ensures that electric facilities are built, operated, and decommissioned in an efficient and environmentally responsible way; it does not determine if and where generation should be constructed in the province as electricity generation is deregulated.
- The AUC also provides regulatory oversight of issues related to the development and operation of the wholesale electricity market in Alberta as well as the retail gas and electricity markets in the province.

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Suspending AUC Approvals for Renewable Electricity Projects

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ATTACHMENT

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