Rule 024 stakeholder comment matrix

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Instructions:

1. Please download this document, save as "**Rule 024 matrix**" and fill out the demographic/contact information above.
2. Please review Bulletin 2026-10 and the blackline document for Rule 024: *Rules Respecting Micro-Generation.*
3. Please comment on the proposed information requirements below, including whether you agree that these information requirements should be included in an application under Section 4(3) or 4(3.1) of the *Micro-generation Regulation*. Please explain your position.
4. There are two open-ended questions included at the end of the document, including an opportunity to provide any additional information requirements that you believe should be included.
5. You can submit comments on as many or as few of the proposed changes as you wish. Blank boxes will be interpreted as neutral/favourable.
6. If a change from the blackline documents does not appear in the table below, it is considered administrative. You may provide comments on administrative changes in the general box at the end, if necessary.
7. While not all suggestions can be implemented, all relevant comments will be fully reviewed and considered.
8. Submit your response to engage@auc.ab.ca. In the email, please include the following subject line: **Rule 024 engagement**.

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Please review Sections 4(3) and 4(3.1) of the *Micro-generation Regulation:*

Connection and operation

4(3) Where in the opinion of the owner, concurred in by the Commission on application by the owner, the costs of connecting a particular micro-generation generating unit to the interconnected electric system are extraordinary, due to safety considerations, technological complexity or any other reason, the owner may require that the micro-generator directly reimburse the owner for the extraordinary portion of the costs.

(3.1) Where a micro-generator has changed the nameplate capacity of a micro-generation generating unit that is connected to the interconnected electric system and, in the opinion of the owner, concurred in by the Commission on application by the owner, the costs of maintaining the connection of the micro-generation generating unit to the interconnected electric system are extraordinary, due to safety considerations, technological complexity or any other reason, the owner may require that the micro-generator directly reimburse the owner for the extraordinary portion of the costs.

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Category	**Proposed wording**	**Stakeholder comments**
Description of costs	c) A description of each cost, or portion of each cost, necessary to connect the micro-generation generating unit to the interconnected electric system which is, in the opinion of the owner, extraordinary. (i) Include the item or category of items associated with each cost. The item or category of items may include, for example, specific equipment, equipment upgrades, studies, or protective devices. (ii) For any equipment upgrades, please indicate if existing equipment will be salvageable. If yes, please ensure the salvage value of the existing equipment is deducted from the extraordinary costs. If there is a reason why the salvage value should not be deducted from the extraordinary costs, please explain. (iii) For any included cost that does not have a finalized cost estimate, please indicate when a finalized cost estimate is expected.	ATCO Electric supports the change. ATCO Electric recommends that the proposed wording "A description of each cost, or portion of each cost …" be altered to "A description of each cost, or portion of each cost, **and estimated value**…". The wires owner will only have an estimated cost at the time that a Notice of Dispute based on extraordinary costs would be filed with the AUC.
Comparative analysis	d) For each of the costs provided in (c), please provide a comparative analysis that explains why the owner considers these costs to be extraordinary, for example, due to safety considerations, technological complexity or any other reason. This analysis must include any supporting evidence that the owner considers relevant and may address the following: (i) The costs and types of costs to connect the average micro-generation generating unit; (ii) The costs and types of costs to connect the average micro-generation generating unit of the same size category (small <150 kW or large >150 kW); (iii) The costs and types of costs to connect comparable micro-generation generating units (i.e., similar nameplate capability,	ATCO Electric generally supports the change. Comparative analysis should be done between the extraordinary costs which are being disputed versus the average costs of a typical micro-generation application. However, ATCO Electric notes average costs could be impacted by the size category or technical factors but would not necessarily be categorized by geographic area.

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	geographic area, safety, technical, or other reasons); (iv) Any specific characteristics of the micro-generation generating unit that contribute to the technological complexity of connecting the micro-generation generating unit to the interconnected electric system; (v) Any factors related to the connection of the micro-generation generating unit that may impact the safety and/or reliability of the interconnected electric system, along with any implemented or planned mitigation strategies; and (vi) Any other information the owner considers relevant to the Commission's consideration.	
General		
Section 6(1) of Rule 024 states that "the owner shall file a completed notice of dispute…within 14 days from the date in which the owner finalizes its cost estimate". The Commission is aware that the cost estimates for each item or category of items associated with the connection of a micro-generation generating unit may be finalized at different times in the connection process. Please comment on the optimal timing for an owner to submit an application under Section 4(3) or 4(3.1) of the *Micro-generation Regulation*.		**Stakeholder comments**: ATCO Electric supports a process whereby the determination of whether costs are extraordinary occurs as early as reasonably possible in the connection process. Specifically, once it has been identified that a proposed micro-generation connection is expected to involve extraordinary costs, the owner should be permitted to file an application under sections 4(3) or 4(3.1) of the *Micro-generation Regulation* based on a preliminary, high-level cost estimate for complex scopes of work or a detailed estimate for more routine scopes of work. At this stage, the purpose of the application would be to allow the Commission to determine whether the nature of the anticipated costs meets the threshold of "extraordinary costs" rather than to review a final detailed project cost estimate if it is not yet available. Under this approach, the notice of dispute would include the available preliminary cost estimate, supporting assumptions, and other relevant information for the Commission to assess whether the anticipated costs are extraordinary. If the Commission determines that the costs are extraordinary, the distribution facility owner could then proceed with detailed engineering, design, and cost refinement. The final connection costs would subsequently be established through the normal project development process.

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	ATCO Electric believes that early determination provides greater certainty to both the applicant and the distribution facility owner and avoids the need to incur the time and expense associated with detailed engineering before there is clarity regarding cost responsibility. This is particularly important for projects involving significant system modifications, where the costs of further engineering may be substantial.
Please provide any additional information requirements that should be included in an application under Section 4(3) or 4(3.1) of the *Micro-generation Regulation*. Please explain your position.	**Stakeholder comments**: None.