AUC
Alberta Utilities Commission

Announcement

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Enhanced participation in facilities proceedings for individuals or organizations without standing

The Alberta Utilities Commission ("AUC" or the "Commission") is formalizing a participation framework for Rule 007: *Facility Applications* proceedings ("Facilities Proceedings"), designed to keep our hearing processes more accessible, efficient and focused. Under this updated approach, individuals or organizations who do not meet the requirements for standing as outlined in the *Alberta Utilities Commission Act* will be provided the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed project. The Commission has tested this approach in recent facilities proceedings with positive results and is now implementing it more broadly.

Beginning November 25, 2026, for all facilities proceedings, individuals or organizations that do not meet the requirements for standing will no longer be required to join intervener groups that have been granted standing to have their concerns heard, but rather, will be able to file a letter of comment. This approach ensures full participation for those most directly affected; keeps hearing processes accessible, efficient and focused; and continues to provide meaningful opportunities for interested members of the public to share their perspectives.

A letter of comment:

- Will be placed on the public record for the proceeding and shared with all participants.
- Will be reviewed and considered by the Commission panel assigned to hear and decide the proceeding; however, the Commission panel is not obligated to respond to or comment on its contents.
- Will not be the subject of questioning and the author will not participate in the hearing.
- The Commission panel may, if necessary, issue written information requests to clarify the submission.

A template and submission instructions for a letter of comment can be found in Appendix "A" attached to this Bulletin and can be found in the AUC's eFiling System.

For unique proceedings and in exceptional circumstances, the Commission may choose to allow these individuals or organizations that do not meet the requirements for standing to make brief oral submissions as opposed to filing a letter of comment and will communicate that to individuals and organizations as applicable.

Consistent with Commission practice, interveners granted standing in facilities proceedings continue to have full participation rights and are eligible for cost recovery under Rule 009: *Rules on Intervener Costs* (Rule 009). Individuals who submit only a letter of comment are not eligible for cost recovery under Rule 009: *Rules on Intervener Costs*. If your involvement goes beyond

filing a letter of comment, the Commission may, at its discretion, consider whether you are eligible for cost recovery.

Any questions related to this announcement may be directed to info@auc.ab.ca or 310-4AUC (310-4282).

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Appendix A

Letter of comment	
Proceeding	
Submitter information	
Name	
Organization	
1. Introduction / position **(State whether you support, oppose, or have concerns about the proposed development, and in broad terms what your perspective is.)**	
2. Basis for interest **(Briefly explain your interest in this proceeding — e.g. "I own property at [address] near the proposed development and may be impacted by the proposed project X and Y.")**	
3. Comments / observations **(Provide concise, focused comments on the issues that you believe the Commission panel assigned to hear and decide this proceeding should consider. Issue A: …, Issue B: …, Etc.)**	
4. Requested consideration / relief **(If applicable, state what you are asking the Commission panel to do — e.g. impose condition X, require additional mitigation, consider alternative route, incorporate modification Y, etc.)**	
5. Did you use generative artificial intelligence (as defined in AUC Rule 001) in developing this letter of comment? If yes, please explain how generative artificial intelligence was used and confirm the content of the letter has been verified by you for accuracy.	