

Announcement

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AUC consultation with municipalities on proposed standardized setbacks for renewable infrastructure

In February 2024, the Minister of Affordability and Utilities requested that the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) pursue standardized setbacks for renewable infrastructure in the province. In response, the AUC consulted on appropriate setbacks from residences and other important infrastructure as part of the Rule 007: *Facility Applications* review. The feedback received was wide-ranging and the new Rule 007 does not include standard setback distance requirements.

The AUC is proceeding with a targeted consultation with municipalities specifically on setbacks with a goal to collaboratively consider default setback standards for renewable projects.

The AUC will be hosting a **virtual open house** on **April 24 from 11 a.m. to noon** to give municipalities an opportunity to learn more about the proposed requirements, ask questions and share their feedback. To participate in the session, the AUC asks municipalities to:

1. [Register to participate](#) by April 23.
2. Review the [Proposed standardized setback requirements document](#) ahead of the session.
3. Oral comments may be given at this open house.
4. Individuals who provide feedback are required to provide a contact address or telephone number.

Written feedback may also be provided by filling out the [Comment matrix template](#) and emailing it to engage@auc.ab.ca. The deadline to submit feedback is **May 1, 2026**.

The standardized setbacks are not designed for the unique context of First Nations reserves or other federal lands. Projects that are proposed on or within the Rule 007 notification radiuses of First Nations reserves or other federal lands will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. As the standardized setbacks are not intended for on-reserve projects, the Commission does not plan to consult on this issue.

Questions about the consultation process may be directed to engage@auc.ab.ca.

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