

Announcement

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Distribution system plans released and future process

Under its statutory mandate in the *Alberta Utilities Commission Act* and related legislation, the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) has introduced distribution system planning reporting guidelines to enable distribution facility owners to demonstrate how they optimize their distribution networks for evolving customer needs, affordability and acceptable customer reliability, and to share their approaches with peers, industry and customers.

The AUC has published the first distribution system plans submitted by Alberta's four major electric distribution utilities. The AUC will hold a virtual stakeholder meeting on November 17, 2026, to gather feedback on the distribution system planning guidelines and process.

On March 3, 2026, the AUC, issued [Bulletin 2026-02](#), which introduced distribution system planning reporting guidelines for FortisAlberta Ltd. and the distribution businesses of ENMAX Power Corporation, EPCOR Distribution and Transmission Inc. and ATCO Electric Ltd. Collectively, these companies are referred to as the electric distribution utilities.

On May 18, 2026, the AUC shared the updated distribution system planning template with the electric distribution utilities.

On June 30, 2026, each AUC-regulated distribution facility owner submitted its draft distribution system plan in the form of a written report and accompanying distribution plans data schedules.

The AUC reviewed the preliminary submissions followed by a meeting with the distribution facility owners on July 28, 2026, to provide feedback and clarify additional information.

On August 31, 2026, the distribution facility owners submitted their final distribution system plan reports.

On October 20, 2026, final distribution system plans were made public through the [AUC eFiling System](#) and [AUC website](#).

Future engagement

On November 17, 2026, in the afternoon the AUC will hold a virtual stakeholder meeting to:

- (i) provide an opportunity for customer groups and other interested parties to comment on the published distribution system plans, and
- (ii) gather additional feedback and input from all parties on how to improve the guidelines and process.

Interested parties must register by emailing Elena Deryabina at elena.deryabina@auc.ab.ca by 4 p.m., on November 10, 2026. The email must include:

- Each participant's organization.
- The name each participant will use on video conferencing platform.
- A phone number at which each participant can be reached on the day of the meeting in case of technical or other issues.

Following this engagement, the AUC expects to develop a rule during spring and summer 2027 to formalize the distribution system planning submission process.

The hyperlinks in [Bulletin 2026-02](#) have been updated to direct users to the AUC distribution system planning webpage. The webpage contains the most recent documents and templates.

Additional information

Questions about distribution system planning may be directed to Elena Deryabina at elena.deryabina@auc.ab.ca. General questions can be directed to info@auc.ab.ca.

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