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Introduction of distribution system planning reporting guidelines for AUC-regulated electric distribution facility owners

The Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC), under its statutory mandate in the *Alberta Utilities Commission Act* and related legislation, is introducing distribution system planning reporting guidelines to:

- Enable distribution facility owners to demonstrate the actions undertaken to optimize their distribution networks today and tomorrow, as they meet the changing distribution network needs from customers, including the evolving energy transition.
- Provide confidence that distribution facility owners remain focused on providing affordable distribution services that deliver reasonable and acceptable customer reliability.
- Enable distribution facility owners to share their approaches with their peers, industry, and customers in a consistent format, to drive optimization across the distribution industry.

These requirements will apply to FortisAlberta Ltd. and the distribution businesses of each of ENMAX Power Corporation, EPCOR Distribution and Transmission Inc. and ATCO Electric Ltd.

The AUC engaged with distribution facility owners and other interested stakeholders to develop and refine these guidelines and the associated review process. The AUC thanks all participants for their participation and input.

Submission Framework

On or before June 30, 2026 each AUC-regulated distribution facility owner shall submit:

- A distribution system plan in the form of a written report in accordance with the direction and guidelines set out in the [AUC's Distribution System Plans – Guidelines for Submission](#).
- The data prescribed in the [AUC's Distribution Plans Data Schedules](#).

Process

The AUC will review the preliminary submissions to ensure they are complete and comply with the guidelines. As part of its review, the AUC will contact each distribution facility owner to provide feedback, clarify or request additional information, and confirm the submission is complete.

After the AUC's preliminary review and discussions with the distribution facility owner, the distribution facility owner will have the opportunity to make any necessary revisions to incorporate the AUC's feedback. The distribution facility owner shall thereafter submit its final distribution system planning report, accompanied by an Officer's letter confirming the content has been diligently developed and any facts provided are accurate, to the best of their knowledge.

Preliminary and final distribution system planning reports must be submitted electronically using the AUC eFiling system. Final distribution system plans will be made public through the AUC eFiling System and AUC website.

Future engagement

The AUC will engage with key stakeholders after the submission of the first round of final distribution system planning reports have been published to gather additional feedback and input on how to improve the guidelines and process. Following this review, the AUC will create a rule to formalize the distribution system planning submission process.

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