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To: 2025-2026 AUC administration fee participants

RE: 2025-2026 AUC administration fee

The Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) recovers its annual operating and capital costs through an assessment of the natural gas and electricity sector participants that it regulates.

Individual administration fee amounts are determined by a cost assessment model using a two-step approach. The initial step allocates costs to administration fee categories based on the AUC's services provided to the category. Where applicable, category costs are then allocated to individual participants based on their billable site count as of February 28, 2025.

The 2025-2026 administration fee will again be determined in two portions. The first determination occurs in April 2025 and represents the AUC's estimated net expenditures from April 2025 to December 2025. The second determination, representing the remaining three months of the AUC's fiscal year, will occur in December 2025.

The AUC's budgeted administration fee for the 2025-2026 fiscal year is \$34.27 million. This represents an increase of \$1.60 million when compared to the budgeted administration fee of \$32.67 million for 2024-2025.

Overall, the cost of regulation, which takes year-over-year site counts and AUC's administration fee into consideration, has decreased by 23 per cent since the AUC's inception in 2008.

For questions or concerns related to this year's administration fee, please contact the AUC's director of financial and procurement services, Sabi Ghavami, at 403-592-4473, or by email at sabi.ghavami@auc.ab.ca, or alternatively, AUC financial analyst Shaheer Akhlaq, at 403-592-4364, or by email at shaheer.akhlaq@auc.ab.ca.

Yours truly,

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