

MEETING DATE: APRIL 8, 2025

BRIEFING NOTE - TO COUNCIL

SUBJECT

ALBERTA UTILITIES COMMISSION PROPOSED CHANGES TO RULE 007: FACILITY APPLICATIONS – FOR INFORMATION

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the County of Vermilion River receive the draft blackline version of Rule 007: *Facility Applications* as information.

DETAILS

Background: The Alberta Utilities Commission (the “AUC”) has issued a draft blackline version of the rule formerly known as Rule 007: *Applications for Power Plants, Substations, Transmission Lines, Industrial System Designations, Hydro Developments and Gas Utility Pipelines*.

The draft blackline version is available for written feedback until May 23, 2025. A number of issues were assessed to inform the draft blackline version of Rule 007: *Facility Applications*. This assessment included feedback received through written and oral consultation, conducted by the AUC, that was held from May to September 2024, consideration of the *Electric Energy Land Use and Visual Assessment Regulation (EELUVAR)* enacted on December 6, 2024, and the current interim information requirements published in Bulletin 2024-25.

The interim information requirements continue to apply until the final version of the rule is released. Other information can be found on AUC’s website: [Rule 007: Engagement Page](#)

The draft blackline version of Rule 007 also includes changes to clarify, reorganize and improve the rule. The document describes major issues considered and the rationale for the changes proposed. It is not an exhaustive list of the changes proposed in the draft blackline.

Discussion: The AUC is seeking written feedback from interested parties on the draft blackline document until May 23, 2025.



Relevant Policy/Legislation Practices:

Rule 007: *Facility Applications*

Desired Outcome (s): THAT the County of Vermilion River receive the draft blackline version of Rule 007: *Facility Applications*, as information.

Response Options: THAT the County of Vermilion River receive the draft blackline version of Rule 007: *Facility Applications*, as information.

IMPLICATIONS OF RECOMMENDATION

Communication Required: Council, Alberta Utilities Commission, Administration

ATTACHMENTS

1. Bulletin 2025-02
2. Rule 007_Blackline

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