

Announcement

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Commission veteran Mark Kolesar appointed AUC chair

Anne Michaud reappointed as member; becomes vice-chair

The Alberta Utilities Commission is extremely pleased to announce that Mark Kolesar has been appointed as the permanent chair of the independent regulator for a five-year term. Mark, previously the AUC's vice-chair and acting chair since April, was appointed by the Alberta cabinet on the recommendation of Minister of Energy Margaret McCuaig-Boyd. His term began July 23.

Mark brings 10 years of Commission member experience to the chair's role, including six years as the vice-chair. He has been centrally involved in many of the AUC's most complex and challenging regulatory decisions and played an active role in the formative stages of the AUC's approach to, and principles around, utility regulation after the tribunal's creation in 2008. Mark joined the AUC in July 2008, after career steps that included the Alberta Public Utilities Board and Telus Corp.

Mark has a bachelor's degree in philosophy and a master of business administration degree in managerial economics and finance, both from the University of Ottawa. He has also been an instructor at both the University of Alberta and the University of Calgary on strategy development, financial management, management accounting, and business planning and policy. The AUC is also pleased to announce that Anne Michaud has been re-appointed as a member of the AUC for a three-year term, and named as the organization's new vice-chair.

Anne too is an AUC veteran, having joined the organization in 2008. As the AUC's new vice-chair, Anne will have a special focus on the AUC's important work and responsibilities around the development of utility facilities. This area is of increasing importance, with growing application and adjudicative complexity as Alberta transitions to cleaner energy sources under Alberta's Climate Leadership Plan.

Anne has a master's degree in international trade law from Universite d'Aix-Marseille III, France, and degrees in law and arts from the University of Ottawa. She has led or been involved in many complex AUC facilities, rates and markets proceedings. Her background includes roles as a federal Crown counsel in tax and civil litigation, and as a transfer pricing expert with Deloitte & Touche LLP.

These appointments and enhanced powers provided under Bill 13: *An Act to Secure Alberta's Energy Future* position the AUC to capably address a challenging and evolving regulatory agenda. That agenda includes expanded responsibilities in the development and oversight of

Alberta's electricity capacity market, the establishment and application of specified penalties for electricity and natural gas providers for breaches of customer service, a sweeping renewal and greening of Alberta's electricity generating fleet, and the roll out of distributed generation and community generation.