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## Power plant application workshop

The Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC), in conjunction with Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) and the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO), will be holding a workshop **in Calgary on September 17, 2019**, to provide information about the regulatory process and application requirements for new power plants. Attendees, particularly those with limited AUC application filing experience, could benefit from this session, which is intended to reduce information requests and shorten application review timelines.

The roles and responsibilities of the AUC, AEP and the AESO, as they relate to power plant applications in Alberta, can be summarized as:

- The AUC regulates the utilities sector in the province. This includes the review of new and existing power plant applications to ensure proposals are in the public interest.
- AEP is responsible for the overall management and regulation of wildlife in Alberta. AEP assesses the potential environmental impacts of proposed wind and solar power plant projects, and issues referral reports for those projects. AEP also issues emissions approvals for thermal power projects.
- The AESO plans Alberta's transmission system and operates the electricity grid safely, reliably and in the public interest of all Albertans. The AESO is responsible for connecting power plants and industrial customers to the transmission system.

Together, the AUC, AEP and the AESO will provide workshop participants with practical advice on how to better prepare and file complete applications and how to best respond to information requests.

The AUC will provide an overview of its application review process and the information requirements in Rule 007: *Applications for Power Plants, Substations, Transmission Lines, Industrial System Designations and Hydro Developments* and will identify common application deficiencies that can lead to increased application review times.

AEP will provide an overview of its referral report process for wind and solar projects and its application process for emissions approvals and identify common issues that can arise in the referral report process.

The AESO will provide an overview of its interconnection process for new power plants and identify some common issues that occur in this process.

The power plant workshop will be held at the AUC Calgary office location:

<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>
Eau Claire Tower Second floor Conference Centre 1400, 600 Third Avenue S.W. Calgary, Alta.	Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Representatives from the AUC, AEP and the AESO will be available to answer questions after the presentation.

If you are interested in attending the workshop, please email Kellie Benoche with your name and contact information to [fac-correspondence@auc.ab.ca](mailto:fac-correspondence@auc.ab.ca) by Thursday, August 29, 2019.

Due to space constraints, the workshop is limited to 40 participants. Accordingly, stakeholders are asked to limit attendance from the same organization to one or two representatives. Depending on the level of interest, the Commission may schedule additional workshops at a later date.

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