

The Guiding Principles as set out in this document are all equally important and are to be viewed as a collective set of principles rather than a list of individual statements.

- The methodologies used by the AUC to establish just and reasonable rates have not always been the same as those used for external financial reporting purposes. The Commission has and will retain the authority to establish regulatory accounting and regulatory reporting requirements and as such, IFRS requirements will not be the sole driver of regulatory requirements.
- Future regulatory accounting and regulatory reporting requirements established by the Commission will continue to be based on historical, sound regulatory principles. Examples of these principles can be found in statutes, regulatory and court decisions and regulatory texts and include intergenerational equity, minimizing rate volatility and use of historical costs rather than fair values.
- Future regulatory accounting and regulatory reporting requirements established by the Commission will, in considering IFRS requirements, balance the effects on customer rates and shareholders' return. Any shifting of risk between customers and shareholders will be minimized.
- Future regulatory accounting and regulatory reporting requirements established by the Commission will be aligned as much as possible with IFRS. In establishing any future regulatory accounting and regulatory reporting requirements that deviate from IFRS, the Commission will ensure that any such deviations and their impact are in the public interest.
- Future regulatory accounting and regulatory reporting requirements established by the Commission will be universal and standardized for all utilities while still recognizing that utility specific issues can be addressed through that utility's applications.