

Roles of Agencies

Stakeholder: Alberta Environment & Parks (Brian Lambert),
AltaLink, ATCO Electric, Environment Canada

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Environment Canada		Environment Canada administers legislation protecting migratory birds under the Canada Migratory Birds Convention Act and wildlife species at risk under the Species at Risk Act.		<p>Environment Canada: EC would like to propose additional text to your current paragraph on Environment Canada.</p> <p>Environment Canada administers legislation protecting migratory birds under the Canada Migratory Birds Convention Act and wildlife species at risk under the Species at Risk Act. <u>In addition Environment Canada (EC) has the mandate to provide meteorological services to Canadians, including issuing accurate weather warnings for severe weather events and by administering the national weather radar program. Department of the Environment Act (1971, 1985), Article 4(d) assigns the Minister the responsibility for “all matters [...] relating to meteorology”. Further, pursuant to the Emergency Management Act (2007), all federal ministers are</u></p>	Agree. However, the AUC intends to remove the direct reference to this document in Rule 007.

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				<u>responsible for developing emergency management plans in relation to risks in their areas of responsibility. Environment Canada's emergency management responsibilities include the provision of environmental information and advice in response to emergencies related to severe weather and other significant hydro-meteorological events.</u>	
General Comments	<p>Alberta Environment & Parks (Brian Lambert): You may want to divide these up as municipal, provincial, and federal, and list alphabetically.</p>				
	<p>AltaLink:</p> <p>Altalink submits that the purpose of this document is generally unclear and suggests it should not be referenced in AUC Rule 007. Altalink is required to consult with many different stakeholders, agencies and groups when planning its transmission lines. Altalink submits that it is inappropriate to reference a document in AUC Rule 007 that covers other agencies specifically.</p> <p>Agree to remove the link to the Roles of Agencies document in Rule 007.</p> <p>Altalink also has similar concerns with respect to the Agencies Roles Document as it does with AUC Rule 007. The Agencies Roles Documents states: "applicants for electric facilities must conduct discussions with Wildlife Management staff before making an application" [emphasis added]. The term "applicants for electric facilities" is broad and would include applications for everything from additions within existing substation facilities, to new transmission lines and substations. Altalink generally provides information on all its applications for electric facilities to AEP. However, in the past, AEP's predecessor did not want to consult and did not have the staff to consult on all projects. Instead, consultation with AEP Wildlife Management would occur in cases where the project had the potential to impact wildlife or wildlife habitat. As stated above, Altalink believes that this process is reflected in 14), 15), 16) and 18) of the Draft Environmental Checklist. Accordingly, Altalink suggests that this section of the Agencies Roles Document be modified to provide that information must be provided to AEP, however consultation with AEP Wildlife Management should occur where wildlife and/or wildlife habitat has the potential to be impacted by the project.</p> <p>Agree.</p>				
	<p>ATCO Electric:</p>				

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					<p>ATCO Electric has reviewed and has no concerns with regard to the content set forth in the above mentioned document. However, ATCO Electric would like the Commission to confirm that they have or will be engaging with decision-making level representation of AEP branches to ensure that the roles defined in the Commission's document are aligned with mandates, protocols and procedures of AEP branches, and that AEP is prepared to provide TFOs with the documented guidance expected to be reported in Facility Applications, particularly as it relates to feedback to be provided prior to the disposition application process.</p> <p>AUC understands that AEP is prepared to provide required guidance to TFOs.</p>