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AUC Rule 033: Post-approval Monitoring Requirements for Wind and Solar Power Plants

On December 10, 2018, the Alberta Utilities Commission released Bulletin 2018-18 advising that it was considering the enactment of a rule establishing standardized post-approval monitoring requirements for wind and solar power plants. The AUC worked closely with Alberta Environment and Parks to develop the draft requirements.

The AUC received five written submissions in response to the bulletin. The Commission assessed all stakeholder comments and created a comment matrix which summarizes stakeholder feedback, along with AUC responses to these comments.

The intent of post-construction monitoring standards is to ensure that approved wind and solar power plant owners and operators implement effective, consistent operational mitigation measures to minimize the potential for negative effects on Alberta's wildlife and wildlife habitat. The Commission believes that the establishment of standardized post-approval monitoring requirements will improve the consistency of monitoring obligations for owners and operators of approved wind and solar power plants, and will add certainty to the regulatory process.

The Commission has approved Rule 033: *Standardized Post-approval Monitoring Requirements for Wind and Solar Power Plants*. This rule was approved by the Commission on June 12, 2019, and is effective July 1, 2019.

The Commission thanks Alberta Environment and Parks and stakeholders for their time and participation, and for their efforts in reviewing and providing comments on the standardized post-approval monitoring requirements. The comment matrix, which includes AUC responses to the comments received, can be found in the rule-related consultations section of the AUC website, under "Consultations for Rule 033."

If you have any questions with respect to this bulletin please contact Wayne MacKenzie, director of the AUC's Technical Assessment Group, at 403-592-4420 or by email at wayne.mackenzie@auc.ab.ca.

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