



The City of Red Deer

Compliance Filing to Decision 23872-D01-2019

2018-2020 Transmission Facility Owner
General Tariff Application

Costs Award

July 3, 2019

Alberta Utilities Commission

Decision 24560-D01-2019

The City of Red Deer

Compliance Filing to Decision 23872-D01-2019

2018-2020 Transmission Facility Owner

General Tariff Application

Costs Award

Proceeding 24560

July 3, 2019

Published by the:

Alberta Utilities Commission

Eau Claire Tower

1400, 600 Third Avenue S.W.

Calgary, Alberta T2P 0G5

Telephone: 310-4AUC (310-4282 in Alberta)

1-833-511-4AUC (1-833-511-4282 outside Alberta)

Email: info@auc.ab.ca

Website: www.auc.ab.ca

The Commission may, within 30 days of the date of this decision and without notice, correct typographical, spelling and calculation errors and other similar types of errors and post the corrected decision on its website.

Contents

1	Introduction	1
2	Commission findings	2
2.1	The City of Red Deer	2
2.1.1	Chymko Consulting Ltd.	2
3	Order	3

The City of Red Deer
Compliance Filing to Decision 23872-D01-2019
2018-2020 Transmission Facility Owner
General Tariff Application
Costs Award

Decision 24560-D01-2019
Proceeding 24560

1 Introduction

1. In this decision, the Alberta Utilities Commission considers an application by The City of Red Deer for approval and payment of its costs of participation in Proceeding 24451¹ (the original proceeding).

2. The following table sets out the costs claimed and the amounts awarded:

Claimant	Total Fees Claimed	Total Disbursements Claimed	Total GST Claimed	Total Amount Claimed	Total Fees Awarded	Total Disbursements Awarded	Total GST Awarded	Total Amount Awarded
Red Deer								
Chymko Consulting	\$4,023.75	\$0.00	\$201.19	\$4,224.94	\$4,023.75	\$0.00	\$201.19	\$4,224.94

3. The Commission has decided to approve the costs, as claimed, for the reasons provided below.

4. The original proceeding was convened by the Commission to consider Red Deer's compliance filing to Decision 23872-D01-2019,² regarding Red Deer's 2018-2020 transmission facility owner general tariff application. The proceeding consisted of an information request (IR) and Red Deer's response to the IR. The close of record for the original proceeding was April 17, 2019, and the Commission issued Decision 24451-D01-2019³ on April 25, 2019.

5. Red Deer submitted its costs claim application on May 7, 2019, within the 30-day timeline permitted by the Commission's rules. The Commission assigned Proceeding 24560 and Application 24560-A001 to the costs claim application. As there were no registered parties to comment on the costs application, the Commission considers the close of record for this proceeding to be May 7, 2019, the date the costs application was filed.

¹ Proceeding 24451: The City of Red Deer Compliance Filing to Decision 23872-D01-2019, 2018-2020 Transmission Facility Owner General Tariff Application.

² Decision 23872-D01-2019: The City of Red Deer 2018-2020 Transmission Facility Owner General Tariff Application, Proceeding 23872, March 8, 2019.

³ Decision 24451-D01-2019: The City of Red Deer Compliance Filing to Decision 23872-D01-2019, 2018-2020 Transmission Facility Owner General Tariff Application, Proceeding 24451, April 25, 2019.

2 Commission findings

6. The Commission’s authority to award costs for participation in a utility rates proceeding is found in Section 21 of the *Alberta Utilities Commission Act*. When considering a claim by eligible participants for costs incurred in connection with a utility rates proceeding, the Commission is also guided by the factors set out in Section 11 of Rule 022: *Rules on Costs in Utility Rate Proceedings*. This rule allows the Commission to consider, among other things, whether costs claims are reasonable and directly and necessarily related to the original proceeding, and whether the participants acted responsibly and contributed to a better understanding of the issues before the Commission. Appendix A of Rule 022 prescribes a Scale of Costs applicable to all costs claimed.

2.1 The City of Red Deer

7. The following table summarizes Red Deer’s costs claim:

Claimant	Hours			Fees	Disbursements	GST	Total
	Preparation	Attendance	Argument				
Red Deer							
Chymko Consulting	28.75	0.00	0.00	\$4,023.75	\$0.00	\$201.19	\$4,224.94

8. The Commission finds that Red Deer acted responsibly in the original proceeding and contributed to the Commission’s understanding of the relevant issues.

2.1.1 Chymko Consulting Ltd.

9. Chymko Consulting was retained by Red Deer to perform consulting services in the original proceeding. The fees claimed by Red Deer for the consulting services provided by Mr. Michael Turner and Mr. Akash Asif relate to reviewing the decision in the original proceeding; drafting, reviewing and revising the compliance filing application; and drafting, reviewing and filing the response to the Commission’s IR.

10. The Commission finds that the services performed by Chymko Consulting were directly and necessarily related to Red Deer’s participation in the original proceeding and that the fees, which were claimed in accordance with the Scale of Costs for those services, are reasonable. Accordingly, the Commission approves Red Deer’s claim for consulting fees for Chymko Consulting in the amount of \$4,023.75 and GST of \$201.19 for a total of \$4,224.94.

3 Order

11. It is hereby ordered that:

- 1) The City of Red Deer shall pay external costs in the total amount of \$4,224.94.
- 2) The City of Red Deer shall record in its Hearing Cost Reserve Account approved external costs in the total amount of \$4,224.94.

Dated on July 3, 2019.

Alberta Utilities Commission

(original signed by)

Tracee Collins
Commission Member