

May 27, 2008

Willie Grieve, Chair  
Alberta Utilities Commission  
10055 106 Street 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Edmonton, AB T5J 2Y2

**RE: Final Rule 022 Comments**

Dear Mr. Grieve:

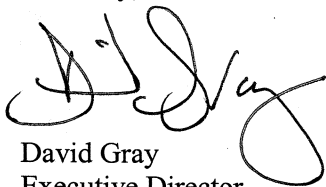
The UCA thanks the Commission for the opportunity to provide clarifying comments on intervener funding.

As noted in the meetings, the UCA is working with a new legislative structure and is looking to develop processes in a broad and ongoing consultation directly with customers, with other stakeholders and with the Commission.

The UCA will seek to coordinate its work with other parties so that they are aware of the issues the UCA intends to address and the general position it intends to take on those issues. The intention of the UCA in its original proposal was to ensure that parties seeking intervener funding would not be taken off guard by the positions of the UCA. To that same end, the UCA will be developing a consultation process to facilitate these discussions in a timely and constructive fashion. This consultation may require some time allowance in the proceeding schedules, which might initially be dealt with on a case by case basis.

In some cases, the UCA Governance Board may consider that several alternative positions merit the Commission's consideration. The UCA will be flexible in exploring alternative methods of bringing diverse positions before the Commission, which may in principle range from fully supporting and funding alternative position development to simply coordinating with proponents as noted above.

Sincerely,



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