

Announcement

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Alberta government extends term of AUC Chair Carolyn Dahl Rees to 2025, appoints Doug Larder as new full-time Commission member

The Alberta government has announced today that Carolyn Dahl Rees' term as AUC chair has been extended to March 24, 2025. Additionally, the government has appointed AUC general counsel and acting Commission member Doug Larder as a full-time Commission member for five years, to May 31 2026. Mr. Larder will also be appointed as vice-chair. He has been serving as an acting Commission member since December 2020.

Ms. Dahl Rees was appointed as interim chair of the AUC on June 24, 2020 after re-joining the organization as a Commission member in March 2020.

Mr. Larder has served as the AUC's general counsel and was appointed as an acting Commission member in July 2020. As general counsel his primary responsibilities were to ensure that the Commission receives sound legal advice and representation in all areas of the Commission's operations.

"I am thrilled to have Doug appointed as a full-time Commission member," says Carolyn Dahl Rees, AUC Chair. "His extensive history as counsel with the Commission and its predecessor, the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (EUB), have made him an invaluable resource in our adjudicative processes as an acting member this past year. I look forward to continuing to work with him on the Commission in the years ahead and having him serve as a vice-chair."

"I have worked with Doug for more than 20 years. Doug has made a concrete and significant contribution to the AUC and its predecessor in his roles as counsel and general counsel," says Bob Heggie, chief executive. "He is an outstanding lawyer with a work ethic and sense of humour that have garnered him the respect and friendship of his colleagues and the broader regulatory community. I look forward to his contributions as a Commission member."

Mr. Larder brings more than 35 years of experience in the utility regulatory field in both private practice and with regulators to the Commission. He first joined the Commission's predecessor, the EUB in 1997 and subsequently the AUC in 2008.

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