

Notice

Second stage review proceeding to consider the concepts and principles to be applied in the identification of an anomaly adjustment for the purposes of establishing 2018 going-in rates under the 2018-2022 performance-based regulation plans for electric and gas distribution utilities in Alberta

Proceeding 24325

THIS PROCEEDING APPLIES TO ALL NATURAL GAS AND ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION UTILITIES THAT ARE REGULATED BY THE ALBERTA UTILITIES COMMISSION

On October 30, 2018, the Alberta Utilities Commission, the independent utilities regulator, issued Decision 23479-D02-2018: Decision on Preliminary Question Applications for Review of Decision 22394-D01-2018.¹ In that decision, the Commission approved, in part, the review filed by ATCO Electric Ltd. (distribution), the gas distribution division of ATCO Gas & Pipelines Ltd., ENMAX Power Corporation (distribution) and FortisAlberta Inc. (collectively, the review applicants), of its February 5, 2018 Decision 22394-D01-2018: Rebasing for the 2018-2022 Performance-Based Regulation (PBR) Plans for Electric and Gas Distribution Utilities, First Compliance Proceeding. In Decision 23479-D01-2018, the Commission found that the review applicants satisfied the requirements for a review of Decision 22394-D01-2018 as it relates to the interpretation and application of the definition of, or criteria for, anomaly adjustments. Specifically, the Commission stated that:

The review panel finds that the review applicants have satisfied the requirements for a review of Decision 22394-D01-2018 as it relates to the hearing panel's interpretation and application of the definition of, or criteria for, anomaly adjustments. The scope of the

¹ Decision 23479-D02-2018: Decision on Preliminary Question Applications for Review of Decision 22394-D01-2018, Proceeding 23479, October 30, 2018.

Commission's review will include consideration of the definition of an anomaly having regard for the Commission's intent in Decision 20414-D01-2016 (Errata)^[2] and determination of the criteria to assess any anomaly adjustments for the purposes of establishing 2018 going-in rates. The process for this review will allow all parties an opportunity to offer submissions on the definition and criteria for an anomaly adjustment. The Commission will, thereafter, provide parties an opportunity to apply for anomaly adjustments in accordance with the clarification provided.³

Accordingly, the Commission is commencing a second stage review proceeding, Proceeding 24325, to consider the concept of an anomaly adjustment and to consider the type(s) of anomaly adjustments(s) to be permitted under the PBR framework for the 2018-2022 term for the electric and gas distribution utilities, being AltaGas Utilities Inc., ATCO Electric Ltd. (distribution), ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (distribution), ENMAX Power Corporation (distribution), EPCOR Distribution & Transmission Inc. (distribution) and FortisAlberta Inc. (collectively, the distribution utilities).

If you feel you may be affected by this application, you can provide input to the AUC for its review before it makes its decision.

Statements of intent to participate are due February 22, 2019. Evidence in accordance with the Commission's letter in Exhibit 24325-X0005 is due March 26, 2019.

The Commission has pre-registered the six distribution utilities under the 2018-2022 PBR plans as participants in this proceeding. The Commission has also pre-registered intervening parties that actively participated in proceedings 22394 and 23479; namely, The City of Calgary, the Consumers' Coalition of Alberta and the Office of the Utilities Consumer Advocate.

Parties, other than parties who have been pre-registered by the Commission, who wish to participate in the proceeding, may do so by filing a statement of intent to participate. To register your concerns, or your support for the application, please visit the AUC website and log in to the eFiling System to file your submission for Proceeding 24325. If you do not have access to the internet, send your name, address, phone number, organization you are representing, description of your interest in the proceeding, position including information in support of the position and reasons why the AUC should decide in the manner recommended, and whether further process is required. If no written submissions are received, the Commission may make its decision without further notice or process.

Any associated documents pertaining to matters considered in this proceeding are publicly available on the Commission's website. To learn more about the application and review process, contact: Artyom Jukov at 403-592-4507 or email your questions to artyom.jukov@auc.ab.ca.

² Decision 20414-D01-2016 (Errata): 2018-2022 Performance-Based Regulation Plans for Alberta Electric and Gas Distribution Utilities, Proceeding 20414, February 6, 2017.

³ Decision 23479-D02-2018, paragraph 125.

Privacy

To support an open and transparent process, information you send to the AUC will be publicly available through the AUC's eFiling System. If there is confidential information you would like to file, a request must be made in advance of filing your submission.

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Alberta Utilities Commission
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