

Subject: **Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) Rule 007 Consultation**
Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 28, 2024
Prepared By: Mike Haugen, CAO
Presented By: Mike Haugen, CAO

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

1. That Council direct staff to prepare a written submission as part of the current AUC review of Rule 007.
2. That Council provide any other direction regarding this topic.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT: (Check all that apply)

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High Quality Infrastructure		Economic Resilience		Quality of Life		Effective Leadership		Level of Service	

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Provincial (cite)- N/A

Council Bylaw/Policy (cite)- N/A

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

The AUC is in the process of consultations regarding AUC Rule 007 which governs applications for power plants, substations, transmission lines, industrial system designations, hydro developments and gas utility pipelines.

While the opportunity to participate in oral presentations has passed, there is opportunity to participate in written consultations. The AUC is specifically looking for feedback regarding municipal engagement, visual impact assessment methodology, and glare assessment related to solar facilities.

The County has also received a number of letters from individuals concerned about large scale wind energy conversion systems. Examples of two letters have been attached. These are representative of the received letters - all of which have been included in Council Correspondence.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES/OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Administration is seeking Council direction regarding the County's involvement in this process as well as other requests contained within the letters.

In addition to participation in the written engagement, the request letters are asking that Council consider further Land Use Bylaw amendments regarding setbacks and environmentally related conditions for wind energy conversion systems, as well as formal designated opposition to wind projects (unwilling host).

FINANCIAL & STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:

Administrative time will be used to prepare a written submission for the AUC.

RECOMMENDED ENGAGEMENT:

Directive Decision (Information Sharing, One-Way Communication)



Tools:	Individual Notification	Other:	
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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Correspondence from ratepayers (x2)
2. RMA Bulletin
3. Minister Neudorf Letter to AUC
4. AUC Bulletin 2023-05
5. AUC Rule 007

COUNCIL OPTIONS:

1. Council may opt to take part in the AUC Consultation.
2. Council may opt to not take part in the AUC Consultation.
3. Council may direct staff to undertake one or more actions related to the requests received.
4. Council may opt to undertake no action related to the requests received.

FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS:

Administration will prepare a written submission for Council's review.

APPROVAL(S):

Mike Haugen, Chief Administrative Officer

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