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AUC Consultation on Rule 007

The Alberta Utilities Commission has announced their first consultation following provincial policy changes on renewable energy

The Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) issued a [bulletin](#) on May 2 outlining their next steps in response to the changes to provincial policy regarding renewable energy. The consultation focuses on [the AUC's Rule 007](#). For RMA members, Rule 007 addresses how municipalities are considered in the decision-making process for the AUC, including their role in hearings. There are several upcoming opportunities to provide input, including an oral consultation from May 29 to June 4, with a session focused on municipal issues scheduled for June 4. To participate in the oral consultation, **register by emailing laura.johnson@auc.ab.ca by May 15, 2024.**

A [written consultation](#) is also being hosted, with submissions due by September 3, 2024.

In addition to this consultation, the AUC also announced enhanced interim information requirements. These build on the [interim information requirements](#) shared in September 2023, and will require additional information about reclamation securities:

- ◆ A report prepared by a third party estimating the costs of reclaiming the proposed project. The report must include the estimated salvage value of project components.
- ◆ An explanation of why the chosen form of security was selected, having regard to its attributes and priority in bankruptcy, including how the secured party would be able to realize on the reclamation security should the project owner and operator be in default.

The RMA will continue to monitor for opportunities for RMA members to engage on renewable energy policy development.

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