

Subject: **AUC Letter of Concern**
 Meeting Date: Tuesday, August 20, 2024
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 Presented By: Ushba Khalid, Municipal Intern

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)- Alberta Utilities Commission Rule 007

Council Bylaw/Policy (cite)- N/A

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

At the July 23rd, 2024 Council meeting, Administration was directed by Council to draft a written submission as a part of the AUC Rule 007 Review. The rule is related to the Application for Power Plants, Substations, Transmission Lines, Industrial System Designations, Hydro Developments and Gas Utility Pipelines.

The AUC has identified three specific topics for the purpose of gathering feedback and input:

1. Methodology for visual impact assessment.
2. Draft municipal engagement form.
3. Appropriate value for the field of view in glare assessment for solar power plant applications.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES/OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Council’s feedback to the AUC largely focused on the draft municipal engagement form, and these concerns are highlighted in the letter under the following sections:

1. Weight and Consideration of Municipal Planning Documents
2. Contribution to Grid Stability
3. Threshold for Coexistence with Agricultural Activities
4. Reclamation Security Discussions
5. Mandatory Municipal Engagement Form
6. Monitoring and Oversight
7. Verification of Form Contents
8. Environmental and End-of-Life Considerations
9. Equitability of Development Locations
10. Emergency Services and Municipal Standards
11. Solar Glare Assessments



FINANCIAL & STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial implications associated with the recommended motion.

Time spent submitting the letter can be incorporated into existing work plans.

RECOMMENDED ENGAGEMENT:

Directive Decision (Information Sharing, One-Way Communication)

Tools:

Individual Notification

Other:

ATTACHMENTS:

AUC Rule 007

Municipal Referral Letter

COUNCIL OPTIONS:

1. Council may approve the letter to be submitted to the AUC.
2. Council may make amendments and approve the letter to be submitted to the AUC as amended.
3. Council may request administration to bring back changes to the AUC Letter to the September Council meeting.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That Council approve the AUC letter as presented and directs Administration to submit it for the AUC's consideration in their rule 007 feedback process.

FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS:

Administration will submit the letter to the AUC prior to the submission deadline.

APPROVAL(S):

Mike Haugen, Chief Administrative Officer

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