




Subject: RMA Resolution for Electrical Grid Stability
 Meeting Date: Tuesday, August 20, 2024
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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:

Per Council direction, Administration has prepared a draft resolution regarding renewable energy development's role in providing stability to Alberta's electrical grid.

The attached draft resolution asks the Province to establish a minimum threshold of on-demand power that renewable developments would have to provide. This would help to ensure that Alberta's electricity grid develops and expands in a way that is stable, reliable, and resilient.

The proposed resolution does not seek to dictate a specific threshold for power supply, but contemplates that such a threshold could be relative to the size of development. The background contemplates that there are several ways that this could be accomplished, but the responsibility for doing so would fall to the developer.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES/OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Administration is seeking further Council input on the draft resolution so that it can be formally submitted to the Central RMA Zone for consideration.

The benefit of Council accepting the recommended motion is that it will provide the Council with a valuable opportunity to advocate on behalf of the County and its ratepayers. The Resolution will be a key tool for the RMA to communicate member concerns to the Province.

There are no perceived disadvantages to the recommended motion.

FINANCIAL & STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial implications associated with the recommended motion.

The submission of the resolution, if approved, and any necessary attendance at RMA meetings resulting from the resolution, can be integrated into existing work plans.

RECOMMENDED ENGAGEMENT:



Directive Decision (Information Sharing, One-Way Communication)

Tools: Individual Notification

Other:

ATTACHMENTS:

Draft Resolution

COUNCIL OPTIONS:

1. That Council approve the Resolution as presented.
2. That Council approve the Resolution with amendments.
3. That Council reject the Resolution.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That Council approve the Resolution as presented and direct Administration to submit it for presentation to the Central RMA group.

FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS:

Upon approval by the Council, a seconder for the Resolution is required. Subsequently, the document must be submitted to the RMA meeting before the September 4th deadline.

APPROVAL(S):

Mike Haugen, Chief Administrative Officer

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