

# Announcement

October 31, 2023

## Update to AUC application review process during approval pause period

The Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) previously [announced](#) that while the approval pause period is in effect it will continue to process applications up to the approval stage for new hydro developments and power plants that produce renewable electricity.

For clarity, the AUC advises that it will not issue decision reports for new hydro developments and power plants that produce renewable electricity while the approval pause period is in effect. The AUC will develop the records for these proceedings to the greatest extent possible while the pause is ongoing, but no decision reports or approvals will be issued until the pause period expires.

During the pause period, the AUC has continued to issue decisions on amendment applications, letters of enquiry, time extensions, and approval transfers for previously approved renewable projects that are not subject to the AUC's paused applications as listed in its [August 3 announcement](#).

### Background

The *Generation Approvals Pause Regulation* was enacted through an [order-in-council](#) that prohibits the AUC from issuing approvals from August 3, 2023, to February 29, 2024, for new hydro developments or power plants that produce renewable electricity, subject to certain exceptions for small power plants, isolated generating units and micro-generation.

The AUC is satisfied that this approach provides regulatory clarity to stakeholders, while continuing the orderly and comprehensive consideration of all applications before it.

General stakeholder questions can be directed to [info@auc.ab.ca](mailto:info@auc.ab.ca).

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