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AUC updates to the Hydro and Electric Energy Regulation

The Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) has made updates to the *Hydro and Electric Energy Regulation* to align with the Alberta government's *Electricity Statutes (Modernizing Alberta's Electricity Grid) Amendment Act* that came into force today. The updated regulation, which the AUC made through Commission Order 2024-001 came into force at the same time.

The regulation is made under Section 5 of the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act*. The updated regulation aims to improve efficiency and reduce regulatory burden by eliminating outdated filing requirements. The regulation includes new requirements for energy storage facilities and clarifies the approval process for alterations to existing facilities and certain types of connection applications. It also provides for exclusions from certain sections of the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act* in respect of small power plants and isolated generating units.

A copy of Commission Order 2024-001, which includes the new *Hydro and Electric Energy Regulation*, can be found here.

Questions about the *Hydro and Electric Energy Regulation* may be directed to JP Mousseau at jp.mousseau@auc.ab.ca.

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