# Filing a Motion for confidential treatment of information

In accordance with AUC Rule 001: *Rules of Practice*, a party may request (disclosing party) that information within a document, an entire document or multiple documents be treated confidentially and redacted from the public record.

Where the disclosing party is managing the filing, the organizational eFiling user is required to have **confidential administrator** status, or been granted confidential user access for the respective proceeding by their organization's **Confidential administrator**.

Where the representative of the disclosing party (e.g., a law firm) is managing the filing, the organizational eFiling user must be granted confidential user access by the disclosing party for the respective proceeding.

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### Part 1 - Create and manage confidential administrators

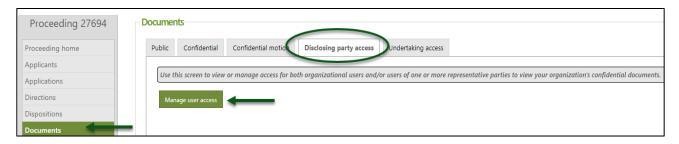
To set up an initial **Confidential administrator** for your organization, submit a request to <u>info@auc.ab.ca</u>. This request must identify the eFiling System organizational user, be on company letterhead and be signed by an officer of your organization. Choose a **Confidential administrator** that understands the importance and sensitivity of your organization's confidential material, and who is available to manage confidential user access.

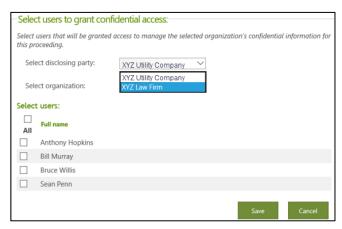
On the eFiling System, the role of your **Confidential administrator** is to:

- a. Assign **Confidential administrator** status to other existing users from your organization.
- b. Grant confidential access to other users from your organization and your representative organizations that require access to submit and view your organization's confidential documents in specific proceedings.
- c. Grant or deny access to proceeding participants that have submitted a **Confidentiality undertaking** requesting access to view your organization's confidential material.

## Part 2 - Manage confidential user access

Confidential administrators can grant confidential access to other users from their organization or representative organizations that need to view or submit confidential documents on their behalf for a specific proceeding. From the proceeding's **Documents** screen, **Disclosing party access** tab, select **Manage user access**.

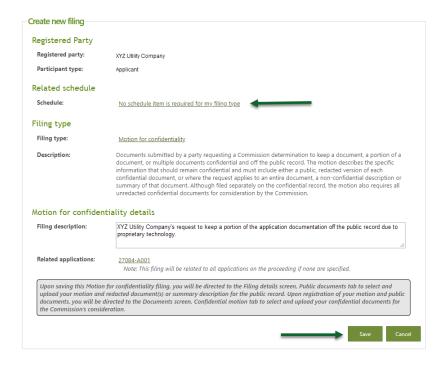




### Part 3 - Submit a Motion for confidentiality filing

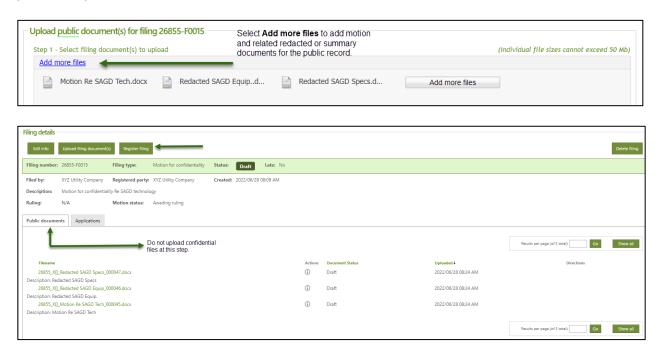
#### Step 1: Create the filing

From the **Filings** screen, create a new **Motion for confidentiality** filing type. There is no **Related schedule** item required for this filing type. Upon saving the filing, the user is directed to the **Filing details** screen, **Public documents** tab to upload the motion and related public files.



#### Step 2: Select the public files to upload to the public record

From the **Filing details** screen, **Public documents** tab, select **Upload filing documents(s)**. Upload the motion and either a redacted version of each of the confidential documents, or where the request applies to an entire document, a non-confidential description or summary of the information. <u>Do not include the confidential documents at this step</u>. Select **Register filing**. When the filing is registered, the system assigns exhibit numbers to the documents and the filing becomes part of the public record.

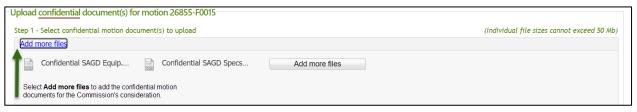


The user will be re-directed to the **Documents** screen, **Confidential motion** tab.

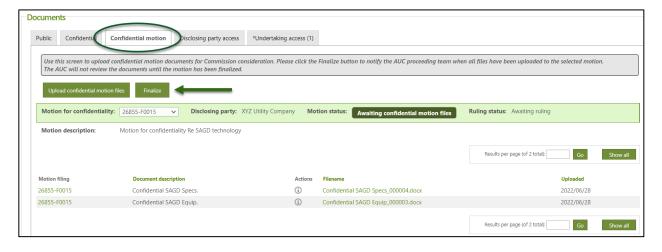
#### Step 3: Select the confidential files for upload to the confidential record

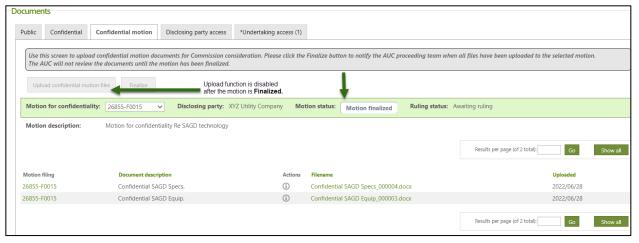
From the **Documents** screen, **Confidential motion** tab select **Upload confidential motion files** and select the <u>unredacted</u> confidential documents related to the motion for the Commission's consideration. The **Confidential administrator** and users with confidential access, can continue to upload confidential motion documents when the motion status is **Awaiting confidential motion files**.





Once all confidential motion documents are uploaded, select the **Finalize** button to inform the AUC that the confidential documents are ready for Commission consideration. The motion status will change to **Finalized** and the upload function becomes disabled. Confidential motion documents are not assigned exhibit numbers by the system and are not placed on the public record.





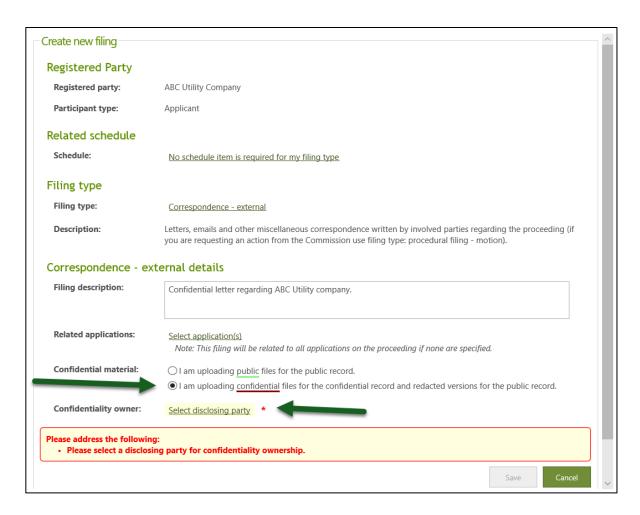
## Part 4 – Await a confidentiality ruling by the Commission

The Commission will issue a Confidentiality ruling outlining what confidential information has been approved to be filed.

### Part 5 - Upload your approved confidential documents with public versions

Once the Commission issues a **Confidentiality ruling** granting the associated **Motion for Confidentiality**, the disclosing party is required to re-submit the confidential documents that are specified in the **Confidentiality ruling**.

From the **Filing** screen, select the **Create filing** button. On the new filing select **I am uploading confidential files for the confidential record and redacted versions for the public record**. Select the disclosing party (owner of the confidential material) and save the filing.

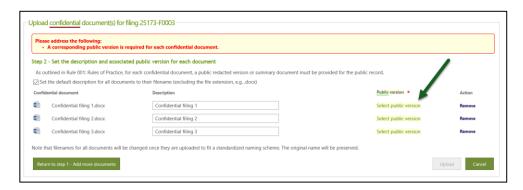


Select **Upload filing documents** and then select **I am uploading confidential files for the confidential record, and redacted versions for the public record.** 

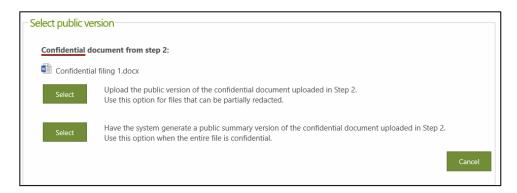


Acknowledge and agree to the disclaimer that you are filing the confidential information according to Rule 001: *Rules of Practice*.

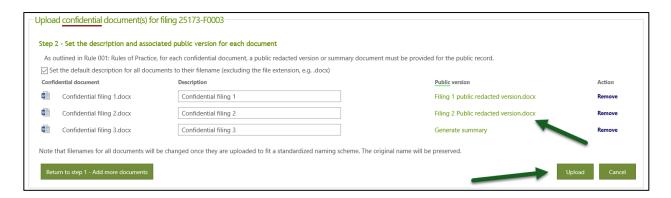
Upload the confidential versions of your files first and enter a description.



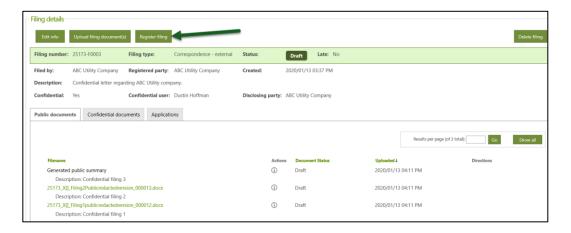
For each confidential file uploaded, you are required to submit a public redacted version or a system-generated **Public summary of confidential document** that acts as a placeholder page on the public record for the confidential record. The system-generated summary document is created after the filing is registered.



Once every document has a corresponding public version select the **Upload** button.



Confirm the upload and then register the filing.

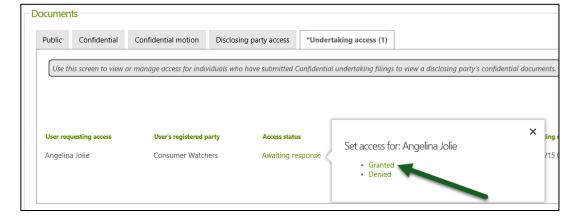


### Part 6 - Grant or deny access to users that submit a Confidentiality undertaking

The confidential administrators for the disclosing party may grant or deny access to their confidential information as directed in the AUC's confidentiality ruling to individuals that have submitted a **Confidentiality undertaking**.

From the **Documents** screen, select the **Undertaking access** tab. The number of requests awaiting response are displayed on the tab. Select the access status associated with the user to reveal access options. Select **Granted** or **Denied**.





See the <u>eFiling System User Guide</u> for further instructions on confidential proceedings.