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Subject: RMA Releases Member Guide to the AUC's Draft Blackline of Rule 007: Facility Applications



Hello RMA Mayors/Reeves and CAOs,

On March 23, 2025, following consultations throughout 2024, the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) released a [draft blackline version](#) of *Rule 007: Facility Applications* and invited written feedback.

Rule 007 sets out the application requirements for the construction, alteration, operation, and the discontinuation, dismantling and removal of power plants and associated facilities, including renewable energy developments. Rule 007 also addresses the consultation process that proponents of facilities must follow when making facility applications to the AUC and how municipalities are consulted in the application and decision-making processes.

Written feedback on the Rule 007 Blackline can be submitted until May 23, 2025, by emailing engage@auc.ab.ca with the subject line “007 rule feedback.” All written submissions will be made publicly available on the [AUC's Rule 007 Engage page](#).

To support members' development of their own written feedback to the Rule 007 Blackline, RMA has developed a [Member Guide](#) that emphasizes key themes and rural concerns about Rule 007. The Guide is structured around four priority policy areas identified by RMA as crucial to ensuring renewable energy industry growth, being:

- Municipalities' role in the approval process and project alignment with municipal plans
- Agricultural land impacts
- Reclamation requirements
- Visual impact assessments and views

RMA encourages members to use the [Member Guide](#) as a baseline for developing their own written submissions that incorporate their priorities and experiences with the previous AUC process, renewable energy companies, or other relevant factors. Contact RMA's Policy and Advocacy team if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kind regards,

Rural Municipalities of Alberta