

Anomaly Adjustment Application

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The Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) regulates Alberta's investor-owned electric, gas, water utilities and certain municipally owned electric utilities to ensure that customers receive safe and reliable service at just and reasonable rates.

The AUC regulates ENMAX Power Corporation (EPC), the regulated transmission and distribution company owned by ENMAX Corporation. EPC owns, operates and maintains the electricity transmission and distribution system in and around Calgary.

Application Summary

In 2016, the AUC established the framework for a five-year performance-based regulation (PBR) plan for 2018 to 2022. The PBR plan uses a formula to set distribution rates for electric and gas distribution utilities operating in Alberta, including EPC.

Following a series of regulatory proceedings, EPC and other distribution utilities began operating under this plan in 2018. However, one critical ratemaking component of this plan has not been set – adjustments to account for “anomalous factors”. These factors can be unique circumstances or external events that affect the amount of revenue EPC needs to run its business.

For example, EPC is requesting the ability to adjust rates to account for operating and maintenance expenses that were not reflected in customers' past rates but are expected over the 2018 to 2022 PBR plan timeframe.

EPC is submitting its application for approval of these anomaly adjustments on May 29, 2020, and a decision is expected by December 31, 2020.

These adjustments are necessary to ensure that EPC's distribution rates are just and reasonable while enabling the continued provision of safe and reliable utility service to customers.

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