

July 21, 2023

Honourable Nathan Neudorf
Minister of Affordability and Utilities
and Vice Chair of Treasury Board
Office of the Minister
Affordability and Utilities
319 Legislature Building
10800 - 97 Avenue
Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6

Dear Minister Neudorf,

Thank you for advising us that the Government of Alberta will be requesting the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) to hold an inquiry into land use and reclamation issues, and that the AUC intends to review its hearing process with respect to these issues, necessitating a one-time, six-month temporary pause on the AUC accepting new Power Plant Applications.

As the province's independent system operator, the AESO will support the AUC in its implementation of a government directed six-month temporary pause on new Power Plant Applications for purposes of providing clarity to industry on land use and reclamation issues.

If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me at 403-612-8464 or at mike.law@aeso.ca.

Yours truly,

Michael Law
President and Chief Executive Officer