# 2023 Assessment year request for information reference guide

Designated industrial property – linear – operators of cable distribution undertakings



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# Designated industrial linear property operator's responsibility / purpose of the 2023 assessment year request for information

Under sections 292, 294, and 295(1) of the *Municipal Government Act* and parts 9-12 of The Lloydminster Charter, all designated industrial linear property operators in the Province of Alberta and the City of Lloydminster, Saskatchewan are required to provide a report relating to the designated industrial linear property when requested by the assessor.

The 2023 Assessment Year Request for Information (2023 AY RFI) Reference Guide provides the required steps for the operators of telecommunications systems (cable distribution undertakings) to prepare a fully compliant 2023 AY RFI Return.

The 2023 AY RFI and other material provide direction and explain the circumstances you will need to update/modify the enclosed pre-populated 2023 AY RFI Excel file (Company Number\_RFI\_SELF\_REPORTED\_CBL\_2023.xls). The 2023 AY RFI also provides direction and explains the circumstances under which you are required to send copies of other documents as part of your 2023 AY RFI Return.

You must report all information and provide all documentation requested in the 2023 AY RFI by November 14, 2023 to accurately report the telecommunications systems designated industrial linear property (cable distribution undertakings) inventory you own as of October 31, 2023.

#### 2023 AY request for information return declaration form

This form is to ensure your contact information is up to date and the 2023 AY RFI Return has been filled out in compliance with the 2023 AY RFI. This form must be completed, signed, and included with the 2023 AY RFI Return by November 14, 2023.

## Supplementary assessment for 2023 tax year

Please review the "Supplementary Assessment for Designated Industrial Linear Property" document in this 2023 AY RFI communication package.

## **Terminology**

'Plain language' and industry-familiar terminologies have been used in the 2023 AY RFI whenever possible. The 2023 AY RFI is a legal document that deals with technically complex subjects. Review the following "Terms and Definitions" section for the meaning of key words used in the 2023 AY RFI. Also, review the Appendix for expanded reporting instructions for common inventory file elements and cross-references between industry-familiar terminologies used in the 2023 AY RFI.

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#### Terms and definitions

In the 2023 Assessment Year Request for Information (2023 AY RFI) for Operators of Cable Distribution Undertakings:

- (a) **2023 AY RFI Return** means a complete inventory file (including copies of the documents to support the total project costs and the claimed excluded costs pursuant to the *Municipal Government Act*, CCRG and any supporting GIS files) submitted to the assessor in response to the 2023 AY RFI.
- (b) aerial means inventory suspended from poles, towers, bridges, and other fixtures.
- (c) Alberta means the Province of Alberta and the City of Lloydminster, Saskatchewan.
- (d) **allocation area** means the administrative areas defined by the assessor to determine in which municipality the designated industrial linear property is located.
- (e) **assessment year** has the meaning given to it in the Regulation.
- (f) **assessor** has the meaning given to it in section 284(1)(d) of the *Municipal Government Act* or parts 9 to 12 of The Lloydminster Charter.
- (g) ATS means Alberta Township System legal land parcel (un-subdivided).
- (h) AUC means Alberta Utilities Commission.
- (i) **buried** means inventory ploughed into the ground or buried in a trench.
- (j) **CCRG** refers to the 2005 Construction Cost Reporting Guide.
- (k) designated industrial property has the meaning given in s284(f.01) of the Municipal Government Act.
- (I) **Geographic Information System (GIS)** means a map-based application such as MapInfo, ESRI or Intergraph and the application's associated spatial data (example: line work style, symbols and geometries).
- (m) included cost (ic) means the value of designated industrial linear property calculated in accordance with the CCRG, prior to adjustment by the cost factor, as defined in section 1.001 of the 2022 Alberta Linear Property Assessment Minister's Guidelines.
- (n) **inventory file** means the Microsoft Excel file prescribed and pre-populated by the assessor in the 2023 AY RFI or a GIS file containing the same information or a combination of the two.
- (o) **linear property** has the meaning given to it in section 284(1)(k) of the *Municipal Government Act* and the Matters Relating to Assessment and Taxation Regulation, 2018 (AR 203/2017); or part 9 of The Lloydminster Charter and Matters Relating to Assessment and Taxation, 2018 (AR 203/2017).
- (p) **operator** has the meaning given to it in section 284(1)(p) of the *Municipal Government Act* and the Matters Relating to Assessment and Taxation Regulation, 2018 (AR 203/2017); or Parts 9-12 of The Lloydminster Charter and Matters Relating to Assessment and Taxation 2018 (AR 203/2017).
- (q) **project cost** means the cost of construction as described in section 1.000 of the CCRG.
- (r) **regulation** means the Matters Relating to Assessment and Taxation Regulation, 2018 (AR 203/2017) in the Province of Alberta and the City of Lloydminster.
- (s) **request for information (RFI)** means the requested information referred to in section 295(1) of the *Municipal Government Act* or parts 9-12 of The Lloydminster Charter, and the information requested by the assessor pursuant to sections 294(1) and 295(1) of the *Municipal Government Act* parts 9-12 of The Lloydminster Charter.
- (t) supplementary assessment as referenced in section 313 of the Municipal Government Act.
- (u) **telecommunications system** has the meaning given to it in section 284(1)(k) (iii) of the *Municipal Government Act* or parts 9-12 of The Lloydminster Charter.
- (v) **underground** means inventory placed in conduit or pipe located between manholes, main conduit, buildings and pole mounts.

(w)	year built is the year in which the designated industrial linear property meets the conditions in section 291(2)(a) of the Municipal Government Act or parts 9-12 of The Lloydminster Charter.	

#### **General information**

#### What information must you report in the inventory file?

You must report all the information requested in the 2023 AY RFI and provide supporting documents where requested. The 2023 AY RFI provides detailed instructions to assist you to prepare a fully compliant 2023 AY RFI Return.

If you own any telecommunications systems (cable distribution undertakings) designated industrial linear property in Alberta as of <u>October 31, 2023</u>, and have changed the inventory (decommissioned, new, purchased, sold, removed, replaced, and/or modified) that has been pre-populated on the 2023AY RFI Excel file, you must complete and submit an inventory file as your 2023 AY RFI Return.

To get you started, your current designated industrial linear property inventory has been pre-populated in your 2023 AY RFI Excel file with the best information known to the assessor. If the:

- pre-populated information is correct, and you have no changes, then submit the Excel file as your 2023 AY RFI Return to
  the Assessment Services Branch. For further instructions, please go to the section "Filing your 2023 AY RFI Return" in this
  document.
- pre-populated information is incorrect or otherwise deficient or inaccurate, <u>you must update</u> the pre-populated information with additions, deletions and changes as required, to reflect your inventory as of <u>October 31, 2023</u>. This will assist the assessor in determining if the inventory is designated industrial linear property or not.

Some designated industrial linear property is assessed based on total project costs in accordance with the 2005 Construction Cost Reporting Guide and the 2022 Alberta Linear Property Assessment Minister's Guidelines. The associated inventory must be reported with total project costs reported for each year of the project. To assist the assessor in determining the designated industrial linear property assessment, the 2023 AY RFI Return must include copies of all documentation below, but is not limited to:

- 1. **Description of the scope and purpose of the project**, including sufficient explanation to support the cost reports and the resultant cost classifications. A detailed preliminary estimate would be of value.
- Summary Cost Report that includes the operator's summary of the project costs that can be classified by the assessor as:
  - a. Buildings, structures and land costs (these should also be reported to the municipal assessor)
  - b. Machinery and equipment as defined in the Regulation (these should also be reported to the municipal assessor)
  - c. Designated industrial linear property
  - d. Exempt property (as per the Municipal Government Act)
  - e. Costs to be excluded in accordance with the Municipal Government Act and CCRG, as claimed by the operator
- 3. **Detailed Cost Reports** which are, in essence, cost recording by detailed cost elements that support cost classifications and are reconciled to the Summary Cost Report.
- 4. **All related documents** to support claims of costs to be excluded in accordance with the *Municipal Government Act* and CCRG including and not limited to reports or 'logs' for scope changes, extra work orders, field construction orders and purchase contracts.
- 5. Reconciliation of the Summary Cost Report, the Detailed Cost Report, and the Cost Rendition.

All documentation provided **must** have sufficient explanation and support to reconcile the cost details provided. **It is the** assessor that makes the final determination whether the costs will be included or excluded in the determination of the designated industrial linear property assessment.

## Other publications you may need

Copies of the *Municipal Government Act*, the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, The Lloydminster Charter, and the 2005 Construction Cost Reporting Guide can be purchased from the Alberta King's Printer Bookstore. For more information, visit the King's Printer website at <a href="https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-kings-printer.aspx">https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-kings-printer.aspx</a>.

# What do you include with your 2023 AY RFI Return and what records do you keep?

Unless specifically requested in the 2023 AY RFI, documentation to support reported inventory details (including locations and, when applicable, total project costs) does not have to be filed with the 2023 AY RFI Return. The operator should retain all supporting documents until at least December 31, 2026, in case the assessor requests them for verification of the 2023 AY RFI Return.

#### Filing your 2023 AY RFI Return

2023 AY RFI Returns may be e-mailed to ma.alpasmail@gov.ab.ca

2023 AY RFI Returns may be mailed, couriered or hand delivered to:

Provincial Assessor Assessment Services Branch Municipal Affairs 15th Floor, Commerce Place 10155 102 St NW Edmonton AB T5J 4L4 Canada

All information reported to the assessor will be managed in accordance with the *Municipal Government Act* and the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

RFI Return to the
Assessment Services
Branch no later than
November 14, 2023

It is your statutory duty (per section 295 of the *Municipal Government Act* and parts 9 to 12 of The Lloydminster Charter) to ensure that the 2023 AY RFI Return is complete and accurate as the information contained therein will be relied upon by the assessor for the 2024 tax year and where applicable, the 2023 tax year Supplementary Assessment.

#### What happens to your 2023 AY RFI Return after the assessor receives it?

The assessor will review your submission and may ask for additional information to clarify or support your 2023 AY RFI Return. This information will be used to prepare your 2023 designated industrial linear property assessment for property taxation in 2024 and where applicable, the 2023 tax year Supplementary Assessment.

As previously mentioned, depending on the location of the property, a 2023 tax year Supplementary Assessment may be created. Please review the "Supplementary Assessment for Designated Industrial Linear Property" document included in this RFI communication package.

# What are the consequences of not filing a 2023 AY RFI Return by November 14, 2023?

You will not be compliant with legislation if your 2023 AY RFI Return is not received by November 14, 2023.

If the operator does not provide the requested information, the assessor must prepare the assessment, as well as any Supplementary Assessment, using <u>any other source of information</u> that the provincial assessor considers relevant, as at October 31 of the year prior to the year in which the tax is imposed under Part 10 in respect of the designated industrial linear property, section 292(2.1) (b) of the *Municipal Government Act*;

or

In accordance with parts 9 to 12 of The Lloydminster Charter, if the company does not provide the requested information, the assessor must prepare the assessment using whatever information is available about the designated industrial linear property.

The assessor must prepare the 2023 tax year Supplementary Assessment where applicable. Please see the "Supplementary Assessment for Designated Industrial Linear Property" document included in this RFI communication package.

The operator may lose the right to appeal to the Land and Property Rights Tribunal in accordance with section 295(4) of the *Municipal Government Act* or parts 9-12 of The Lloydminster Charter.

The assessor may apply to the court to obtain the required information under section 296(1) of the *Municipal Government Act* or parts 9-12 of The Lloydminster Charter.

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#### Getting started

Please open your 2023 AY RFI Excel file which has been pre-populated with the best information known to the assessor. The 2023 AY RFI PDF document provides the detailed instructions on how to report your inventory **in the Province of Alberta** and the City of Lloydminster, Saskatchewan as of October 31, 2023.

If you have any questions or require assistance with your 2023 AY RFI, please contact one of the following:

- a) Balkar Dusanj Balkar.Dusanj@gov.ab.ca 780-641-8890
- b) Kim Huang <u>Kim.Huang@gov.ab.ca</u> 780-415-9001
- c) Mayling Mah Mayling.Mah@gov.ab.ca 825-468-4131

Government of Alberta telephone numbers can be reached toll free from anywhere in Alberta by first calling 310-0000.

E-mail general inquiries to <a href="mail@gov.ab.ca">ma.alpasmail@gov.ab.ca</a>

## Open the pre-populated 2023 AY RFI inventory file

(Company Number\_RFI\_SELF\_REPORTED\_CBL\_2023.xls)

#### Instructions for reporting operator details on sheet 1 (Oper)

**Sheet 1 (Oper)** captures information about the operator of a telecommunications system (cable distribution undertakings) and the Canada Post mailing address for the assessment notice.

**Sheet 1 (Oper)** has been pre-populated with the best information known to the assessor. All operators of telecommunications systems (cable distribution undertakings) as <u>of October 31, 2023,</u> must update the information that appears in Sheet 1 (Oper) of the enclosed inventory file using the instructions in Table 1.

#### Table 1 – Operator identification

Row	Label	Reporting Instructions
Note: The ope		ws 1 and 2 are for the assessor's use only and do not need to be reviewed or updated by
Operato	or (row 3)	
3	AsseName	Enter the full legal name of the operator (individual or corporation). If the operator is a corporation, enter the name as recorded on the incorporation documents.
Person	accountable for the	2023 AY RFI (rows 4 and 5)
4	RfiActName	Enter the name of the individual in the operator's organization who is accountable for the completeness and correctness of the information submitted to the assessor. This individual must be an officer or executive of the organization.
5	RfiActTitle	Enter the title of the accountable person.
Contact person for the 2023 AY RFI (rows 6 and 7)		
6	RfiContactName	Enter the full name of the individual who will act as the first point of contact if the assessor has questions about the 2023 AY RFI Return.
7	RfiContactTel	Enter the daytime business telephone number (including area code and country code, if applicable) for the contact person.
Assessment notice mailing address (rows 8 through 15). The address must be inside the operator's organization and must follow Canada Post address standards per <a href="https://www.canadapost-postescanada.ca/cpc/en/support/articles/addressing-quidelines/overview.page">https://www.canadapost-postescanada.ca/cpc/en/support/articles/addressing-quidelines/overview.page</a>		
8	Addr1	Enter the first line of the mailing address.
9	Addr2	Enter the second line of the mailing address.
10	Addr3	Enter the third line of the mailing address.
11	Addr4	Enter the fourth line of the mailing address.
12	Muni	Enter the Canada Post municipality.
13	PrSt	Enter the two-character Canada Post code for the province or state.
14	PcZip	Enter the postal code (6) or zip code (5 or 5+4 format).

Enter the full name of the country. Enter USA for the United States of America.

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# Instructions for reporting customer site facilities in Alberta on sheet 2 (CSF)

Sheet 2 (CSF) Customer site facilities for telecommunications systems (cable distribution undertakings) are the operatorowned inventory that connects the operator's last point of facility concentration to the demarcation point with their customer. CSF inventory is reported on an aggregated basis.

Sheet 2 (CSF) has been pre-populated with the best information known to the assessor. All operators of telecommunications systems (cable distribution undertakings) as of October 31, 2023, must update the information that appears in Sheet 2 (CSF) of the enclosed inventory file using the instructions in Table 2.

Table 2 - Customer site facilities in Alberta

Row	Label	Reporting Instructions	
	Note: The information in "column A" is for the assessor's use only and does not need to be reviewed or updated by the operator.		
В	Trx	Enter A, C or D or leave blank. See Appendix for further instructions.	
		(columns C through E) g on Page 11 of the 2022 Allocation Area Guide	
С	TaxJurID	Municipality code. Code from column 3, Table 4	
D	AsmntJurID	Assessment jurisdiction code. Code from <b>column 4</b> , Table 4	
E	AAName	Allocation area name. Code from column 1, Table 4	
Inventor	y Details (columns	F through J)	
F	RecType	Enter <b>CSH</b> . See Appendix for further instructions.	
G	Configuration	<ul> <li>Enter one of the following codes:</li> <li>S for single subscriber hook-ups (one to four subscriber hook-ups served by each facility); or</li> <li>for multi-subscriber hook-ups (all facility configurations other than S)</li> </ul>	
н	Placement	<ul> <li>Enter one of the following codes:</li> <li>A for aerial subscriber hook-ups</li> <li>B for buried (in trench) subscriber hook-ups</li> <li>U for underground (in conduit) subscriber hook-ups</li> <li>X for unknown placements or placements other than A, B or U</li> </ul>	
1	ActCHS	Enter the total number of customer hook-ups currently assigned (actual hook-ups) for all inventory included in the CSH record.	
J	MaxCHS	Enter the maximum number of customer hook-ups that could be assigned (potential hook-ups) for all inventory included in the CSH record.	
К	Factor (Schedule E)	Supplementary Month and Factor. This is based on the month when the facility became assessable see: Table 1.02 schedule E** factor in the 2022 Alberta Linear Property Minister's Guidelines.  For further details on when a supplementary assessment may occur, please see the "Supplementary Assessment for Designated Industrial Linear Property" document included in this RFI package.	

# Instructions for reporting equipment site facilities in Alberta on sheet 3 (ESF)

**Sheet 3 (ESF)** Equipment site facilities for telecommunications systems (cable distribution undertakings) include, but are not limited to: cable head ends, head end hubs, data switches, data servers, data bases, DSLAM, video-on-demand, e-mail, and soft switches. Each ESF inventory item is reported separately.

**Sheet 3 (ESF)** has been pre-populated with the best information known to the assessor. All operators of telecommunications systems (cable distribution undertakings) as of <u>October 31, 2023</u>, **must** update the information that appears in Sheet 3 (ESF) of the enclosed inventory file using the instructions in Table 3.

This information can also be reported on a supporting GIS file. The supporting GIS file must be a geographic or projected MapInfo or ESRI (shape) file. Complete metadata (datum, projection, false easting, false northing, and scale reduction factor) must be provided. Report only the geographic locations in a GIS file:

- Complete Sheet 3 (ESF) of your 2023 AY RFI inventory file per the instructions below, but leave the Location Allocation Area columns (C through E) and Location Address columns (R through AC) blank; and
- The supporting GIS file must have an AsselnventID for each GIS record.

**Note:** The 2023 AY RFI inventory file (including the supporting GIS file) allows the operator to report up to four address schemes to describe the location of inventory; at least one **must** be reported.

Table 3 - Equipment site facilities in Alberta

Row	Label	Reporting Instructions
Note: The the oper		olumn A" is for the assessor's use only and does not need to be reviewed or updated by
В	Trx	Enter A, C or D or leave blank. See Appendix for further instructions.
		columns C through E) on Page 11 of the 2022 Allocation Area Guide
С	TaxJurID	Municipality code. Code from <b>column 3</b> , Table 4.
D	AsmntJurID	Assessment jurisdiction code. Code from <b>column 4</b> , Table 4.
E	AAName	Allocation area name. Code from <b>column 1</b> , Table 4.
Inventor	y Details (columns	F through M)
F	RecType	Enter CHD, RT, NODE, TRM, or OTHE. See Appendix for further instructions.
G	AsselnventID	Enter the code used by the operator to uniquely identify the inventory (up to 150 characters).
н	AsselnventName	Enter the name or description (example: type of inventory, function) used by the operator to uniquely identify the inventory (up to 150 characters).
	CHD only (colum	ns I through L)
I	Frequency	Enter the broadcast frequency in MHz.
J	AnaChnls	Enter the number of analog equivalent channels.
К	ActCHS	Enter the total number of customer hook-ups currently assigned (actual hook-ups) to the cable head end. Include all customer hook-ups regardless of the allocation area they reside in or if they pass through a hub head-end. All customer hook-ups reported on CSF (Sheet 1) must be accounted for.
L	MaxCHS	Enter the maximum number of customer hook-ups that could be assigned (potential hook-ups).
	NODE and TRM of	only (column M)
М	Qty	Enter the number of fibre nodes or fibre transmitters in the allocation area (round up to the nearest whole number, no decimals, no commas, and must be greater than 0).
separate		Costs (columns N through Q) – Each year of construction must be reported as a nation in columns C through M and columns R through AC must be identical for each urther instructions.

RT and OTHE only (columns N through Q)

Row	Label	Reporting Instructions
N	CostYr	Construction cost year.
0	ProjCost	Total project cost for the construction cost year (CostYr) (round to the nearest dollar, no decimals, no commas, no dollar signs).
		Review the section "What information must you report in the inventory file?" for clarification.
P	TotalCcrgDed	Total excluded costs claimed per Municipal Government Act and CCRG (round to the nearest dollar, no decimals, no commas, no dollar signs). Enter 0 (zero) if not applicable. Review the section "What information must you report in the inventory file?" for clarification.
Q	CostSrce	The Authorization for Expenditure (AFE), project, account or other corporate records that contain the project cost details.
		Review the section "What information must you report in the inventory file?" for clarification.

**Location - Address (columns R through AC)** – Enter the address that best describes the main entrance to the building, structure, or land where the inventory resides. Report all applicable address formats. The information in columns **R** through **AC** must be identical for all inventory that resides in the same building, structure, or land. See Appendix for further instructions

#### CHD, RT, and OTHE only (columns R through AC)

Alberta Township System legal land parcel (columns R through W)		
R	FrQS	Quarter section. Enter <b>NE</b> , <b>NW</b> , <b>SE</b> , <b>SW</b> or leave blank.
S	FrLSD	Legal subdivision. Enter 01 to 16 or leave blank.
T	FrSec	Section. Enter 01 to 36
U	FrTwp	Township. Enter 001 to 126
V	FrRge	Range. Enter 01 to 30
W	FrMer	Meridian. Enter 3 to 6
Subdivid	ded parcel (columns	X through Z)
X	FrP	Plan.
Υ	FrB	Block
Z	FrL	Lot
Municipa	al address (column A	NA)
AA	FrMuniAddr	Municipal (or "street") address.
Geographic coordinates (columns AB and AC)		
AB	FrNAD83Lat	NAD83 latitude. Enter 49.000000 to 60.000000 (approximate range)

# Instructions for reporting transmission facilities in Alberta on sheet 4 (TFAC)

**Sheet 4 (TFAC)** Transmission facilities for telecommunications systems (cable distribution undertakings) include, but are not limited to: coax, fibre optic and other types of cable. They connect equipment sites to other equipment sites or customer site facilities.

**Sheet 4 (TFAC)** has been pre-populated with the best information known to the assessor. All operators of telecommunications systems (cable distribution undertakings) as of October 31, 2023, must update the information that appears in Sheet 4 (TFAC) of the enclosed inventory file using the instructions in Table 4.

This information can also be reported on a supporting GIS file. The supporting GIS file must be a geographic or projected MapInfo or ESRI (shape) file. Complete metadata such as datum, projection, false easting, false northing, and scale reduction factor must be provided. Report only the geographic locations in a GIS file:

- Complete Sheet 4 (TFAC) of your 2023 AY RFI inventory file per the instructions below, but leave the Location Allocation Area columns (C through E) and Location Address columns (V through AS) blank; and
- The supporting GIS file must have an AsselnventID for each GIS record.

#### Notes:

- 1. The 2023 AY RFI inventory file (including the supporting GIS file) allows the operator to report up to four address schemes to describe the location of inventory; at least one **must** be reported.
- 2. Transmission facilities **must** be reported at the lowest level of granularity in the operator's engineering records (example: each cable segment).

Table 4 - Transmission facilities in Alberta

Row	Label	Reporting Instructions
Note: Th		olumn A" is for the assessor's use only and does not need to be reviewed or updated by
В	Trx	Enter A, C or D or leave blank. See Appendix for further instructions.
		columns C through E) yon Page 11 of the 2022 Allocation Area Guide
С	TaxJurlD	Municipality code. Code from column 3, Table 4.
D	AsmntJurID	Assessment jurisdiction code. Code from <b>column 4</b> , Table 4.
E	AAName	Allocation area name. Code from column 1, Table 4.
Inventor	y Details (columns	F through Q)
F	RecType	Enter COAX, FIBR, or OTHF. See Appendix for further instructions.
G	AsselnventID	Enter the code used by the operator to uniquely identify the inventory.
н	AsselnventName	Enter the name or description (example: type of inventory, function) used by the operator to uniquely identify the inventory.
	FIBR and COAX of	only (column I)
I	Length	Enter the length in metres of the fibre or coax cable (round up to the nearest whole number, no decimals, no commas, and must be greater than zero).
	FIBR and COAX of	only (column J)
J	Placement	<ul> <li>Enter one of the following codes:</li> <li>A for aerial cable or</li> <li>B for buried (in trench) cable or</li> <li>U for underground (in conduit) cable or</li> <li>X for unknown placements or placements other than A, B or U</li> </ul>
	FIBR only (colum	ns K through M)
K	SheathStrands	Enter the number of strands in the cable sheath. If unknown enter the number of strands owned.

	<u>.</u>	
Row	Label	Reporting Instructions
L	StrandsOwned	Enter the total number of strands owned by the operator for all inventory included in the FIBR record.
М	StrandsLit	Enter the total number of strands owned by the operator that are lit (includes IRU'd strands) for all inventory included in the FIBR record.
	COAX only (colu	mns N through Q)
N	TwoWay	Enter ${\bf Y}$ if the coax cable was capable of two-way telecommunications as of October 31, 2023, otherwise enter ${\bf N}$ .
0	CoaxType	Enter the coax cable diameter (in thousands of an inch) and type (example: 500P1, 1000P3).
Р	ActCHS	Enter the total number of customer hook-ups currently assigned (actual hook-ups) for all inventory included in the COAX record.
Q	MaxCHS	Enter the maximum number of customer hook-ups that could be assigned (potential hook-ups) for all inventory included in the COAX record.

**Project Costs and Excluded Costs (columns R through U)** – Each year of construction must be reported as a separate record. The information in columns **C** through **Q** and columns **V** through **AS** must be identical for each record. See Appendix for further instructions.

#### OTHF only (columns R through U)

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R	CostYr	Construction cost year.
S	ProjCost	Total project cost for the construction cost year (CostYr) (round to the nearest dollar, no decimals, no commas, no dollar signs).  Review the section "What information must you report in the inventory file?" for clarification.
т	TotalCcrgDed	Total excluded costs claimed per Municipal Government Act and CCRG (round to the nearest dollar, no decimals, no commas, no dollar signs). Enter 0 (zero) if not applicable.  Review the section "What information must you report in the inventory file?" for clarification.
U	CostSrce	The Authorization for Expenditure (AFE), project, account or other corporate records that contain the project cost details. Review the section "What information must you report in the inventory file?" for clarification.

**Location - Address – From (columns V through AG)** – Enter the address that best describes the origin or starting point ("from") of the facility. Report all applicable address formats. The information in columns **V** through **AG** should be identical to the address information for any inventory it connects to. See Appendix for further instructions.

#### FIBR only (columns V through AG)

	FIBR only (colur	nns V through AG)	
Alberta	Township System leg	gal land parcel (columns V through AA)	
V	FrQS	Quarter section. Enter NE, NW, SE, SW or leave blank.	
W	FrLSD	Legal subdivision. Enter <b>01</b> to <b>16</b> or leave blank.	
X	FrSec	Section. Enter 01 to 36.	
Y	FrTwp	Township. Enter <b>001</b> to <b>126.</b>	
Z	FrRge	Meridian. Enter 3 to 6.	
AA	FrMer	Meridian. Enter 3 to 6.	
Subdivid	Subdivided parcel (columns AB through AD)		
AB	FrP	Plan.	
AC	FrB	Block.	
AD	FrL	Lot.	
Municip	al address (column A	(E)	
AE	FrMuniAddr	Municipal (or "street") address.	
Geogra	phic coordinates (colu	umns AF and AG)	
AF	FrNAD83Lat	NAD83 latitude. Enter 49.000000 to 60.000000 (approximate range)	
AG	FrNAD83Long	NAD83 longitude. Enter -110.000000 to -120.000000 (approximate range)	

Row	Label	Reporting Instructions
point ("to	o") of the facility. Re	columns AH through AS) – Enter the address that best describes the termination or finishing eport all applicable address formats. The information in columns AH through AS should be rmation for any inventory it connects to. See Appendix for further instructions.
	FIBR only (colu	ımns AH through AS)
Alberta 7	Township System le	egal land parcel (columns <b>AH</b> through <b>AM</b> )
AH	ToQS	Quarter section. Enter <b>NE</b> , <b>NW</b> , <b>SE</b> , <b>SW</b> or leave blank.
Al	ToLSD	Legal subdivision. Enter 01 to 16 or leave blank.
AJ	ToSec	Section. Enter 01 to 36
AK	ToTw[	Township. Enter 001 to 126
AL	ToRge	Range. Enter 01 to 30
AM	ToMer	Meridian. Enter 3 to 6
Subdivid	led parcel (columns	SAN through AP)
AN	ToP	Plan.
AO	ToB	Block.
AP	ToL	Lot.
Municipa	al address (column	AQ)
AQ	ToMuniAddr	Municipal (or "street") address.

AQ ToMuniAddr Municipal (or "street") address.

Geographic coordinates (columns AR and AS)

AR ToNAD83Lat NAD83 latitude. Enter 49.000000 to 60.000000 (approximate range).

AS ToNAD83Long NAD83 longitude. Enter -110.000000 to -120.000000 (approximate range).

## **Appendix - common reporting instructions**

#### Record transaction (Trx)

The 2023 AY RFI inventory file is pre-populated with the best information known to the assessor. You must change the information as necessary to accurately reflect the inventory that you own as of October 31, 2023. The Trx column allows you to flag the records you have changed. Enter:

- A for new records (these records did not exist on the pre-populated inventory file); or
- C for changed records (these records are on the pre-populated inventory file, but the content is now different); or
- **D** for records that are no longer applicable as of October 31, 2023 (these records are on the pre-populated inventory file, but should not be used for the 2023 assessment year); or
- Leave the column blank if the entire record is identical (no changes) to the pre-populated inventory file.

### Record type (RecType)

Find the type of inventory units to be reported in column 1, Table 5. Determine the type of 2023 AY RFI record (column 2) to report, the number of records required (column 4) and the sheet to report it on (column 3).

Table 5 - Mapping operator inventory to 2023 AY RFI units in Alberta

Col 1	Col 2	Col 3	Col 4
Operator Inventory Unit	RecType	Sheet	Reporting Instructions
Subscriber hook-ups	CSH	Sheet 2 (CSF)	Report one CSH record for each combination of allocation area (columns C through E), configuration (column G) and placement (column H).
Cable head end	CHD	Sheet 3 (ESF)	Report one CHD record for each 'full function' head end. Report each hub head-end as one OTHE record.
Receiving tower	RT	Sheet 3 (ESF)	Report one RT record for each receiving tower. Report total project costs. See Appendix for further instructions.
Fibre nodes	NODE	Sheet 3 (ESF)	Report one NODE record for each allocation area with fibre optic nodes.
Fibre transmitters	TRM	Sheet 3 (ESF)	Report one TRM record for each allocation area with fibre optic transmitters.
All other operator-owned inventory at equipment sites	OTHE	Sheet 3 (ESF)	Report one OTHE record for each "major" unit of other operator-owned inventory at an equipment site that is <b>not</b> CHD, RT, NODE, or TRM, but is used for cable distribution undertakings services. This includes, for example, inventory for 2-way services/ such as VOIP, video-on-demand (VOD), e-mail, and access to the internet (DSLAM). Report total project costs. See Appendix for further instructions.  Report one OTHE record for each inventory unit and year of construction.
Fibre cable	FIBR	Sheet 4 (TFAC)	Report one FIBR record for each combination of allocation area (columns C through E), placement (column J), cable sheath strands (column K), "from" address (columns V through AG) and "to" address (columns AH through AS).
Coax cable	COAX	Sheet 4 (TFAC)	Report one COAX record for each combination of allocation area (columns C through E), placement (column J), 2-way (column N) and coax type (column O).
All other operator-owned transmission facilities	OTHF	Sheet 4 (TFAC)	Report one OTHF record for each "major" unit of other operator-owned transmission facilities that is not FIBR or COAX. Report total project costs. See Appendix for further instructions.  Report one OTHF record for each inventory unit and year of construction.

#### Location - address

The 2023 AY RFI inventory file uses four address schemes to describe the location of inventory. Report all applicable (or available) addresses. At least one of the "location – address" schemes **must** be reported.

- 1. Alberta Township System legal land parcel (un-subdivided) The default address scheme for rural Alberta, it has six components:
  - a. Quarter section (QS) Enter **NE**, **NW**, **SE**, **SW** or leave blank. Blank is valid when the exact location in the section is unknown, or an LSD is specified instead.
  - b. Legal subdivision (LSD) Enter **01** to **16** or leave blank. Blank is valid when the exact location in the section is unknown, or a QS is specified instead.
  - c. Section (S) Enter **01** to **36**. This is a mandatory ATS address field. Include the leading zeroes (example: 06, not 6).
  - d. Township (T) Enter **001** to **126**. This is a mandatory ATS address field. Include the leading zeroes (example: 002, not 2).
  - e. Range (R) Enter **01** to **30**. This is a mandatory ATS address field. Include the leading zeroes (example: 01, not 1).
  - f. Meridian (M) Enter **3** to **6** (4, 5 or 6 in Alberta, 3 in Lloydminster, Saskatchewan). This is a mandatory ATS address field.
- 2. Subdivided parcel The default address scheme for urban Alberta, it has three components: plan, block, and lot. Subdivided parcels always have a plan number, but the block or lot or both may be unassigned.
- 3. Municipal address A secondary address scheme for larger urban centres and counties. Although a municipal address can be structured with three or more components, the 2023 AY RFI inventory file only needs the concatenated values in this column. Do not use Canada Post mailing addresses. Although they may share components and component values, they are not the same.
- 4. Geographic coordinates The universal address scheme for all of Alberta, it has two components: latitude and longitude.
  - a. NAD83 latitude. Enter decimal degrees from **49.000000** to **60.000000** (approximate range). Report up to six decimal points.
  - b. NAD83 longitude. Enter decimal degrees from -110.000000 to -120.000000 (approximate range). Report up to six decimal points.

#### Project costs and excluded costs

Some designated industrial linear property continues to be assessed based on total project costs. The associated inventory must be reported with total project costs reported for each year of construction. There are four components to report:

- Construction cost year (CostYr) Enter the year in which the inventory associated with the 2023 AY RFI record was first constructed or capable of being used in Alberta. All construction cost years need to be reported as a separate 2023 AY RFI record.
- 2. Total project costs (ProjCost) Enter the total project costs for the construction cost year for all inventory associated with the 2023 AY RFI record.
- 3. Total excluded costs (TotalCcrgDed) Enter the total amount of excluded costs per the *Municipal Government Act* and CCRG. Enter zero (0) if the excluded costs are unknown or are not applicable.
- 4. Construction cost documents (CostSrce) Enter the AFE, project, account or other corporate records that contain the project cost details. Please provide a copy of these documents to submit with your 2023 AY RFI Return.

5.	Review "What do you include with your 2023 AY RFI Return and what records do you keep?" to assist in compiling your 2023 AY RFI Return.