

Cryptocurrency procedural fact sheet

This fact sheet outlines the procedural requirements to make an application for an overlapping cryptocurrency disposition on public land. The Ministry of Forestry and Parks (the ministry) is the regulator for these activities, and this procedure may be updated as appropriate.

Can I apply for a cryptocurrency disposition on public lands?

Yes. Cryptocurrency disposition applications may be submitted for public lands where the proposed activity will overlap and be located entirely within the boundary of an existing, active public lands disposition (the “primary disposition”).

Can I apply for a standalone cryptocurrency disposition on vacant public land?

No. Standalone cryptocurrency dispositions (not overlapping an existing disposition) requiring the allocation of vacant public land will not be considered at this time.

Can I apply to overlap an Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) disposition?

Yes, with consent of the primary disposition holder. However, the Ministry of Forestry and Parks is the regulator for all overlapping cryptocurrency dispositions.

Do I need the primary disposition holder’s consent?

Yes. You must obtain written consent from the primary disposition holder and include it with your application submission.

What existing disposition types can cryptocurrency dispositions overlap?

Based on their need to access resources for power generation, cryptocurrency disposition applications may only be considered where the overlap dispositions are identified below: The primary disposition must be developed, operating, and in use; proposals on primary dispositions that are not actively developed or operated will be rejected.

Acceptable activities include:

Disposition	Purpose	Activity
DML	Electrical	Power Station/Substation
MLL	PNG or OS Facility	Central Processing Facility
MLL	PNG or OS Facility	Gas Processing Plant
MLL	PNG or OS Facility	Gas Processing Plant - Sulphur Recovery

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MSL	PNG or OS Facility	Battery Site
MSL	PNG or OS Facility	Satellite Site
MSL	Wellsite	OS — Cold Production
MSL	Wellsite	OS — Enhanced Recovery
MSL	Wellsite	PNG Production Multi Well (MW)
MSL	Wellsite	PNG Production Single Well (SW)

How do I make an application and what documents must be submitted?

An application must be submitted in the Electronic Disposition System (EDS) and include:

- A completed License of Occupation (DLO) application for the purpose and activity of:
 - Commercial Development - Cryptocurrency – Overlapping
 - Commercial Development - Cryptocurrency - Overlapping - Rural
- [Cryptocurrency Supplement](#) (found on [Alberta.ca](#))
- Sketch plan that meets the [content requirements](#)
- Primary disposition holder's (form) written [consent](#)
- AUC authorization if power generation is 1 MW or greater

Which activity should I choose?

To identify the appropriate Purpose/Activity, reference the following business rules;

Rule:	Activity Selection:
Where a cryptocurrency activity overlaps a MSL disposition regardless of location.	Cryptocurrency – Overlapping - Rural
Where a cryptocurrency activity overlaps a DML or MLL disposition that is located outside an urban municipality, urban service area, bow corridor or Kananaskis improvement district.	Cryptocurrency – Overlapping - Rural
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To view or upload the DML/TCL “urban” zone shapefile, go to: [GeoDiscover Alberta](#)

What is required for the cryptocurrency disposition boundary in relation to the primary disposition boundary?

The submission of a sketch plan is required as part of the disposition application through the Plan Confirmation Service (PCS) that meets the standards as outlined in the [Content Requirements for Survey Plans and Sketches for Dispositions on Crown Lands](#).

The boundary of the cryptocurrency disposition must fall entirely within the boundary of the primary disposition and include the land needed to access and operate the cryptocurrency disposition fully.

How do I make an application?

Apply through the Ministry's [Electronic Disposition System](#) (EDS).

When is an Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) approval required?

Proof of AUC approval is required at the time of application for cryptocurrency operations that require associated power generation of **1 MW or greater**. If AUC approval is not provided in the application submission for proposals of 1 MW or greater, then the application will be rejected.

Can the project connect to or use power from the Alberta Interconnected Electric System?

No. Cryptocurrency applications must identify and supply distinct power needs from the resources available from the primary disposition and must not access or use power from the Alberta Interconnected Electric System.

Will my application be referred to the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER)?

No. Referral to the AER is not required for cryptocurrency disposition applications, however the ministry will coordinate with the AER should issues or matters arise.

Is Indigenous consultation (FNC) required?

Cryptocurrency activities are assessed as not requiring consultation as these activities are limited to existing, previously disturbed footprints on active dispositions. Existing consultation procedures, Appendix B of the [Government of Alberta's Guidelines on Consultation with First Nations on Land and Natural Resource Management](#) (July 28, 2014) indicates that activities falling within existing footprints or lands under disposition do not require consultation. Proponents do not need to apply for First Nations Consultation.

What happens if the primary disposition is cancelled, surrendered, or abandoned?

If the primary disposition is cancelled, surrendered, or abandoned for any reason, the overlapping cryptocurrency disposition will expire.

Who is responsible for reclamation?

The cryptocurrency disposition holder and the primary disposition holder are jointly responsible for reclamation of the overlapping subject land.

Are fees and rent collected?

Yes. All dispositions are subject to fees and rents as set out by Ministerial Orders under PLA 9.1, as updated from time to time.

Is a security deposit required?

The Ministry will not require the routine collection of additional security as these activities overlap existing disposition activities. The director making the issuance decision has discretion to reassess this and request security should unknown risks or issues become apparent at time of issuance.