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AUC Updates to the Hydro and Electric Energy Regulation, AUC Bulletin 2024-04 *Power - Law*

On March 6, the Alberta Utilities Commission (“AUC”) made updates to the *Hydro and Electric Energy Regulation (“HEER”)* to align it with the *Electricity Statutes (Modernizing Alberta’s Electricity Grid) Amendment Act (“Amendment Act”)*. The updated regulation, made by the AUC through Order 2024-001, came into force at the same time as the *Amendment Act*, which was March 6, 2024.

The updated regulation aims to improve efficiency and reduce regulatory burden by eliminating outdated filing requirements. The regulation includes new requirements for energy storage facilities and clarifies the approval process for alterations to existing facilities and certain types of connection applications. It also provides for exclusions from certain sections of the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act (“HEEA”)* with respect to small power plants and isolated generating units.