



AUC

Alberta Utilities Commission



Alberta's utilities regulator

Affordability, efficiency and net zero

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Our mission

- The AUC is a trusted leader that delivers innovative and efficient regulatory solutions for Alberta.
- As Alberta's independent utilities regulator, the AUC is granted authority through the *Alberta Utilities Commission Act* and other pieces of legislation to make decisions in the public interest to protect social, economic and environmental interests of Alberta.



What we do



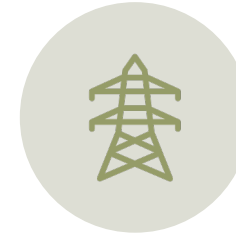
Conduct evidence-based regulatory reviews in a fair and open process to consider what is in the public interest.



Balance the requirement to ensure safe and reliable service at just and reasonable rates.



Regulate investor-owned natural gas, electric and water utilities and certain municipally owned electric utilities.



Ensure electric facilities are built, operated and decommissioned in an efficient and environmentally responsible way.



Provide regulatory oversight of the wholesale electricity market and retail gas and electricity markets in Alberta.



Affordability

Electricity rebates

- Monthly rebates were applied directly to eligible electricity bills, for a total of \$500.
 - \$50 rebates on power bills from July to December 2022.
 - \$75 rebates on power bills in January and February 2023.
 - \$25 rebates on power bills in March and April 2023.

Electricity price protection

- Consumers on the RRO were not charged more than 13.5 cents per kWh in January, February and March 2023.

Natural gas rebate

- Rebates are applied directly to all eligible consumers' utility bill if the regulated monthly natural gas rate charged by any one of Alberta's three regulated utility providers is above \$6.50 per Gj.





Efficiency

Red tape reduction

- AUC committed to reducing regulatory burden since launch in 2008:
 - Has **reduced red tape by 48.2 per cent** since November 2019.
 - Has **improved regulatory timelines by 37 per cent** since November 2019.

Performance metrics

- The AUC has deadlines set out in legislation:
 - Most decisions must be issued within 90 days of the close of record.
 - **Almost all decisions are issued earlier** than these deadlines.
- The AUC has developed, with industry stakeholders, internal deadlines:
 - Based on application type.
 - Regularly updated (tightened).

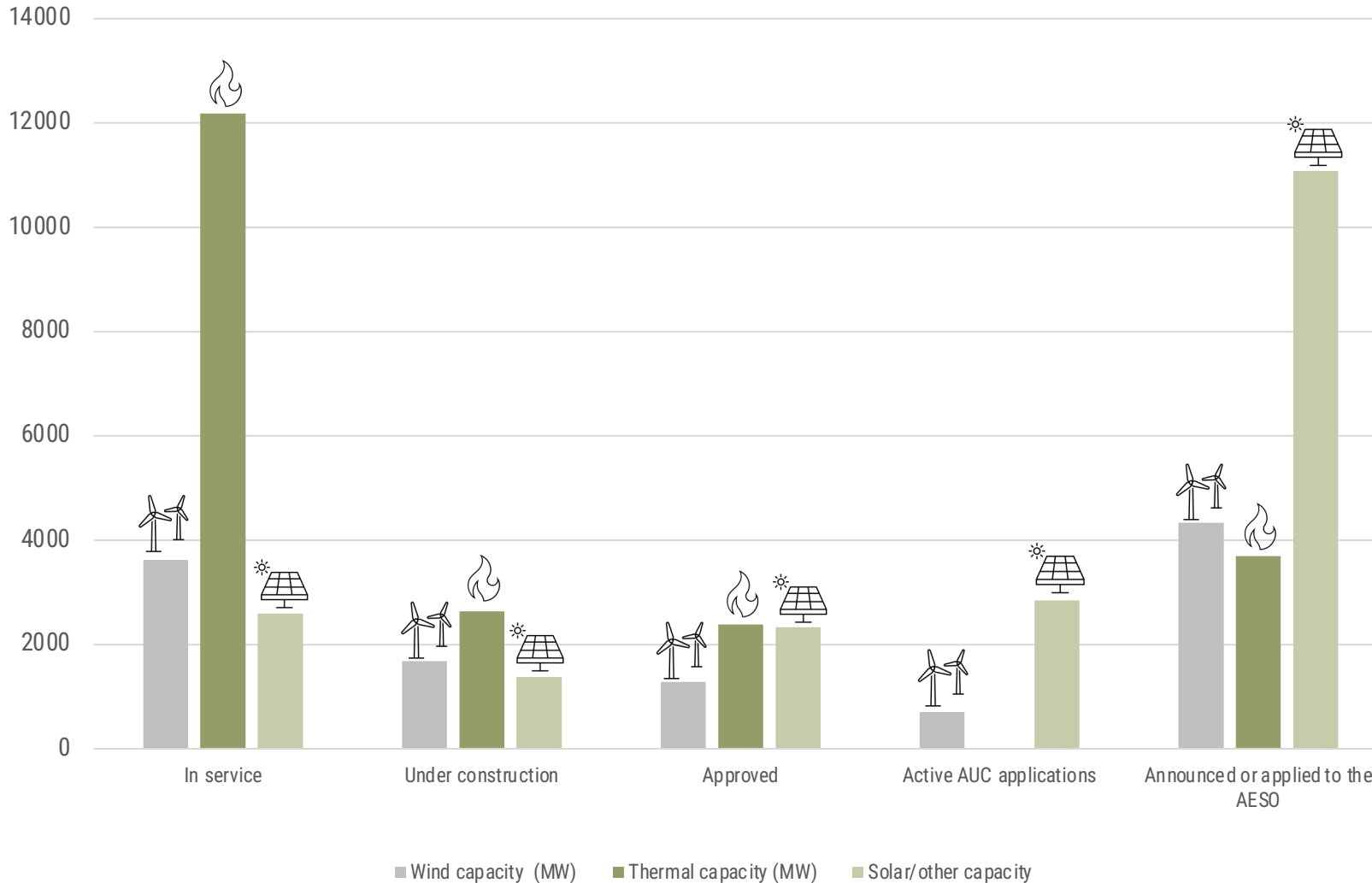
Complex rates cases

- Assertive case management, streamlining and mediated settlements have led to:
 - A 41 per cent improvement in time (average 7.4 months in 2021-2022).
 - A second quartile ranking among North American peers (now first quartile).





Renewable projects development continues to increase



- AUC received 12 new applications last quarter (2,432 MW)
 - 11 new solar projects (>2,300 MW)
 - one wind project (99 MW).



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Thank you



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