

INDUSTRY UPDATE ON ELECTRICITY, NATURAL GAS, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report summarizes key developments in the Alberta electricity, natural gas, and telecommunications industries since 2017 March 9.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Gas, Power and Telecommunications Committee:

1. Receive this report for information; and
2. Direct that the attachment remain confidential under Section 24 (1) (a) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* until three years after the proceedings are completed.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY

The Gas, Power and Telecommunications Committee has requested that this report be prepared every second month.

BACKGROUND

This report, with its attachment, provides a summary of relevant industry developments and policy issues.

INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS

Recent developments in the Alberta utilities industry are detailed in the attachment. Natural gas and electricity markets are analyzed to provide an understanding of energy prices which affect The City's utility costs and franchise fee revenue.

Policy issues in Alberta's regulated utilities and general utility industry developments that could have an impact on The City's interests are reviewed to keep committee members informed of issues that may require future regulatory intervention or impact The City's operations.

Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication

N/A

Strategic Alignment

This report is in alignment with the mandate of the Gas, Power and Telecommunications Committee.

Social, Environmental, Economic (External)

This report has been reviewed for alignment with The City of Calgary's Triple Bottom Line Policy Framework. No implications are identified.

Financial Capacity

Current and Future Operating Budget:

This report does not propose a decision and there is no direct budget or business plan implication.

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Current and Future Capital Budget:

There are no budget or business plan implications arising from this report.

Risk Assessment

No specific risks are associated with this report. Any risks arising from energy utility developments reviewed in the attachment will be addressed in a separate report if required.

REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION(S):

This report provides information to GPT Committee members to assist them in their understanding of regulatory issues that affect The City's interests.

ATTACHMENT

1. Industry Update on Electricity, Natural Gas and Telecommunications.