

Notice

Compliance filing to Decision 28955-D01-2024

Proceeding 29871 Properties of Northern Bear Inc.

The Alberta Utilities Commission, the independent utilities regulator, will be considering the compliance filing application for Properties of Northern Bear Inc. to ensure that the delivery of Alberta's utility service takes place in a manner that is fair, responsible and in the public interest. If you feel you may be affected by this application, you can provide input to the AUC to review before it makes its decision.

Properties of Northern Bear Inc. has filed a compliance filing to Decision 28955-D01-2024.¹ The compliance filing includes the information required by the Commission as directed in Decision 28955-D01-2024. The Commission included directions to Properties of Northern Bear Inc. related to the compliance filing in the following paragraphs of Decision 28955-D01-2024.

- Paragraph 2 – file a compliance filing to true up interim rates.
- Paragraph 58 – amend the terms and conditions of service to include a potable water connection charge of \$1,827.02 for all new customers connecting to the water system.
- Paragraph 76 – add wording to the terms and conditions of service that requires the head operator to perform at least one water meter reading from every residence during the calendar year. Make the wording clear that the head operator must perform this actual meter reading.
- Paragraph 91 – provide the reasons why Properties of Northern Bear Inc. considers the irrigation water rate should not be under the Commission's jurisdiction. In the absence of any documentation, submit the irrigation rate(s) for January 1, 2024, to April 30, 2026, that Properties of Northern Bear Inc. requests Commission approval of. Provide support for the calculation of the requested irrigation rate(s).
- Paragraph 95 – develop and file an emergency response plan and file it as a stand-alone document. Add wording to the terms and conditions of service to reference the emergency response plan.
- Paragraph 97 – amend the wording of the terms and conditions of service for managing dispute resolutions for late payment charges.
- Paragraph 98 – revise the terms and conditions of service to provide a stand-alone terms and conditions of service document for potable water.

¹ Decision 28955-D01-2024: Properties of Northern Bear Inc., 2024-2026 Water General Rate Application, Proceeding 28955, October 17, 2024.

- Paragraph 100 – revise the schedules for fees, rates and charges in the terms and conditions of service to reflect the findings in Decision 28955-D01-2024.
- Paragraph 104 – file a proposal of how Properties of Northern Bear Inc. wishes to collect the calculated revenue differences from customers related to the true-up of interim rates.

Written submissions are due March 17, 2025.

The Commission considers that the directions in paragraphs 2, 58, 76, 98 and 100 of Decision 28955-D01-2024 are mechanical in nature and the Commission can decide whether Properties of Northern Bear Inc. has complied with these directions without any comments or input from external parties.

External parties who register to participate in the proceeding will be permitted to participate with respect to the directions in paragraphs 91, 95, 97 and 104.

With respect to the direction in paragraph 104, Properties of Northern Bear Inc. provided information in Exhibit 29871-X0002, worksheet “true up,” that includes the calculated true-up amount for each customer. No customer names were provided in Exhibit 29871-X0002. Some customers will be entitled to a true-up refund and others will be required to pay a true-up amount. If customers are interested in knowing what their individual true-up balance is, they should contact the applicant’s representative, Howard Davies. In Exhibit 29871-X0001, paragraph 10, Properties of Northern Bear Inc. proposed that the true-up balances would be settled over a four-month period.

To register your concerns, or your support for the application, please visit the AUC website and log in to the eFiling System to file your submission for Proceeding 29871. For guidance on how to use the eFiling System, please visit www.auc.ab.ca/how-to-use-efiling. Alternatively, please contact us at 310-4AUC (310-4282) in Alberta or info@auc.ab.ca for more information or assistance with filing your submission. If you do not have access to the internet, send your name, address, phone number, organization you are representing, description of your interest in the proceeding, position including information in support of the position and reasons why the AUC should decide in the manner recommended, and whether further process is required. If no written submissions are received, the Commission may make its decision without further notice or process.

To learn more about the application and review process, contact:
David Mitchell at 780-422-2073 or email your questions to david.mitchell@auc.ab.ca.

The application, and any associated documents being reviewed, are publicly available and can be accessed from the eFiling System on the AUC website: www.auc.ab.ca. Alternatively, you may contact the applicant’s representative, Howard Davies, at 587-597-7335 or by email at propertiesofnorthernbearinc@gmail.com for further details about what is being applied for, or for a copy of the application.

Privacy

To support an open and transparent process, information you send to the AUC will be publicly available through the AUC's eFiling System. If there is confidential information you would like to file, a request must be made in advance of filing your submission.

Issued on March 3, 2025.

Alberta Utilities Commission