

# Associations and Agencies Industry Roundtable Meeting Summary



Date: June 3, 2021

Time: 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Location: Virtual

Company	Member
Government of Alberta	Chris Hunt
Alberta Federation of Rural Electrification Associations	Al Nagel
Independent Power Producers Society of Alberta	Evan Bahry
Industrial Power Consumers Association of Alberta	Vittoria Bellissimo
Balancing Pool	Ben Chappell
Alberta Direct Connect	Colette Chekerda
Alberta Utilities Commission	Carolyn Dahl Rees
Market Surveillance Administrator	Derek Olmstead
Canadian Renewables Energy Association	Robert Hornung

## Discussion Highlights

Roundtable participants discussed a diverse set of issues impacting Alberta's electricity system. Key among these is the pace of electrification and decarbonization, which participants agreed is accelerating and has implications on grid reliability and cost to consumers. Participants concurred that the integration of renewable energy supplies into the market will happen regardless of the province's economic trajectory; it's only a question of how much and how soon. They also indicated it will be paramount that efforts be made to integrate renewable power generation into the system while minimizing impacts to the market. This will require clear pricing signals across the transmission and distribution systems. Participants agreed a lack of alignment on carbon policy between the provincial and federal governments is creating uncertainty for market participants and potential investors, and this will continue to be a challenge going forward. Some participants expressed concern about the high cost of delivered electricity in the province and suggested it could hinder economic recovery and diversification. The conversation also highlighted the tremendous opportunity that the province has to implement new technologies, which could improve grid reliability and reduce costs to consumers.

## Next Steps

Roundtable participants agreed it was a robust discussion and would appreciate additional sessions in the near future.