



Media Advisory
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**The Chamber Welcomes Willie Grieve, Chair, Alberta Utilities Commission
"The Alberta Utilities Commission New organization.... New roles....New leadership"**

Calgary, AB – The recently established Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) is an independent, quasi-judicial agency of the Government of Alberta, which regulates investor owned electric, water and gas utilities and some municipally owned utilities. It exercises jurisdiction over the siting of major transmission facilities, electric power plants and natural gas pipelines, and has also been given some new responsibilities. The AUC was created when the Energy and Utilities Board (EUB) was replaced by the Alberta Utilities Commission and the Energy Resources Conservation Board to bring a separate and increased focus to Alberta's utilities and energy sectors. The split of the EUB was the subject of considerable attention and scrutiny.

Join us on May 27th to hear from new AUC Chair Willie Grieve about the regulatory directions the Commission intends to pursue from the onset of its mandate. Mr. Grieve will highlight three areas;

- Regulatory streamlining and examination of the reform of rate regulation,
- Improving processes for the review of facilities applications, and
- Establishing the processes and principles in carrying out its new adjudicative responsibilities regarding regulatory compliance.

WHERE: The Calgary Chamber of Commerce
4th floor, 100 6th Avenue S.W.

WHEN: May 27, 2008, 11:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
12:00 p.m. Luncheon Presentation
1:15 p.m. Brief media availability

About the Chamber:

The Calgary Chamber of Commerce is a volunteer driven, not-for-profit, and non-partisan advocacy group whose mission is to lead and serve the Calgary business community, valuing its diversity.

On critical and emerging issues in public policy, the Chamber acts as the leading forum for debate, and advocates public policy solutions that improve the business climate on behalf of our members.

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