

**Department:**  
Public Works & Engineering

**Section:**  
TA – Third Party Activities

## TA-03 Powerlines and Rights of Ways

### Policy Statement

Applications for powerline installations within Leduc County are received and reviewed by the Leduc County Utilities Officer. The proposed project may or may not affect Leduc County rights of way.

Leduc County receives notification / application from utility service providers planning to install electrical powerlines through various areas of Leduc County to establish a multi-feed power grid to better serve the Province of Alberta. Leduc County benefits from the development of the effective power distribution system through improved power services to the residents, industries and businesses within the County.

Electrical power providers are legally granted the right to install distribution lines within public road rights-of-way under the Water, Gas and Electric Companies Act and transmission lines under the Hydro and Electric Energy Act. Alberta Transportation and Utilities must give consent in all rural areas. Alberta Transportation and Utilities requires that the power company obtain municipal approval for the installation of distribution and transmission lines on a local road rights-of-way. The applicable Acts also state that the power company must locate and construct their utility in such a manner as to not endanger public health or safety.

### Policy Intent

This policy is to establish a communications protocol to provide effective notification of a proposed project approval or conflict.

### Service Level Standards

Notification of the project will be circulated to Council and the Leduc County Planning and Development department via email notification along with a scanned copy of the application to garner input and address potential concerns prior to approval. If no concerns are brought forth within three business days the project will be processed for approval.

Upon determining that the installation meets with Leduc County required conditions, with minimal effect on County rights of way, approval will be granted and a copy of the signed approval will be emailed to the applicant as authorization to proceed.

The approval will then be electronically filed. A hard copy will be filed at the Leduc County Services Building. Internal communication of the approval will be provided to Council and the Leduc County Planning and Development department via email notification along with a scanned copy of the application and approval attached.

### Non-Approval of Application / Notification

In the event that the notification / application has provided information indicating a significant conflict with Leduc County rights-of-way the Utilities Officer shall withhold approval and refer the conflict to the Director of Public Works and Engineering for further review. The Director will contact and advise the County Manager of the conflict, and if necessary seek resolution through Council.

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