

Alberta's Energy Regulator

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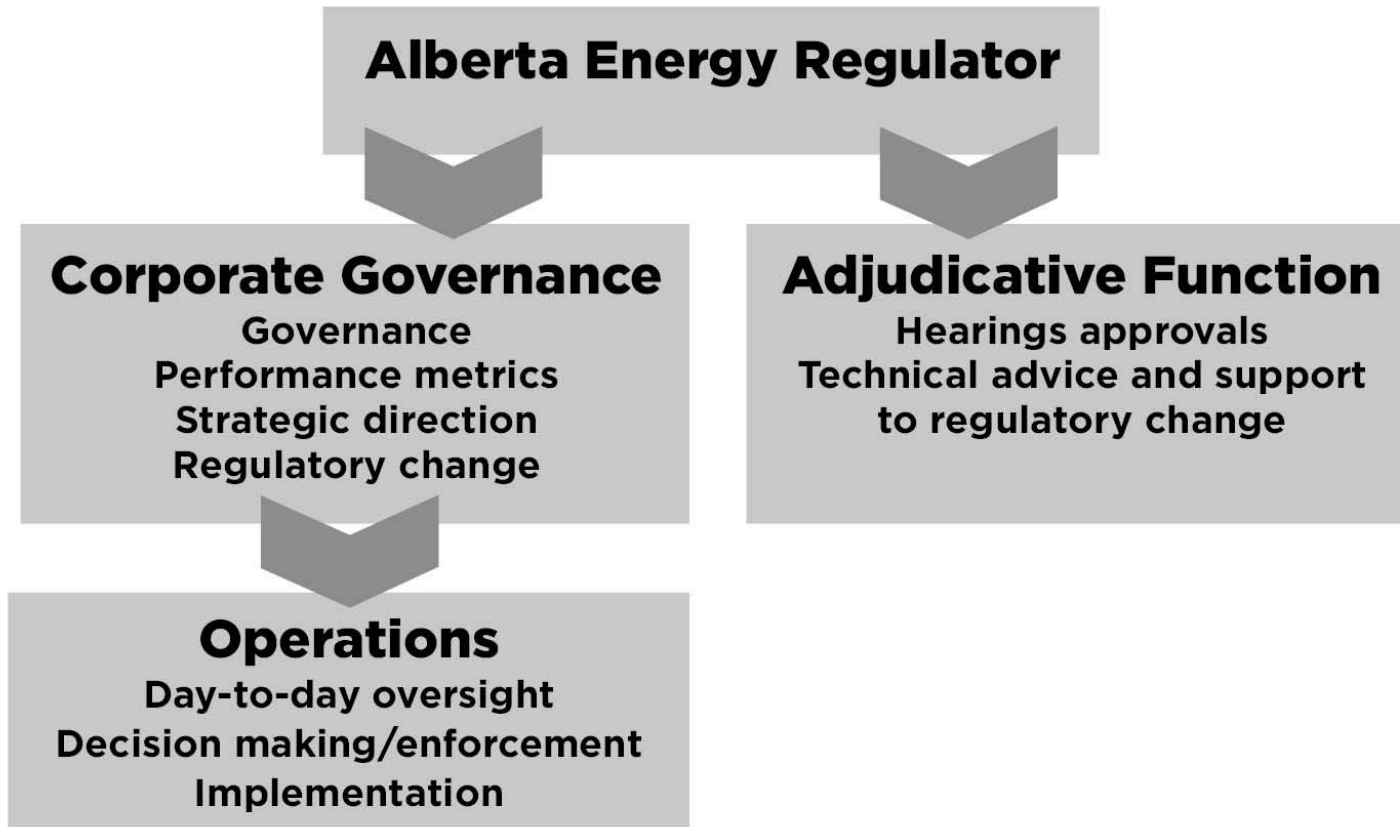
One Province. One Regulator

- › Government of Alberta created first regulator 75 years ago
- › Mandate has evolved over time
- › Responsibilities and functions have expanded
- › Alberta Energy Regulator: Alberta's single regulator of energy development

AER Mandate

» *The Alberta Energy Regulator ensures the safe, efficient, orderly, and environmentally responsible development of hydrocarbon resources over their entire life cycle. This includes allocating and conserving water resources, managing public lands, and protecting the environment while providing economic benefits for all Albertans.*

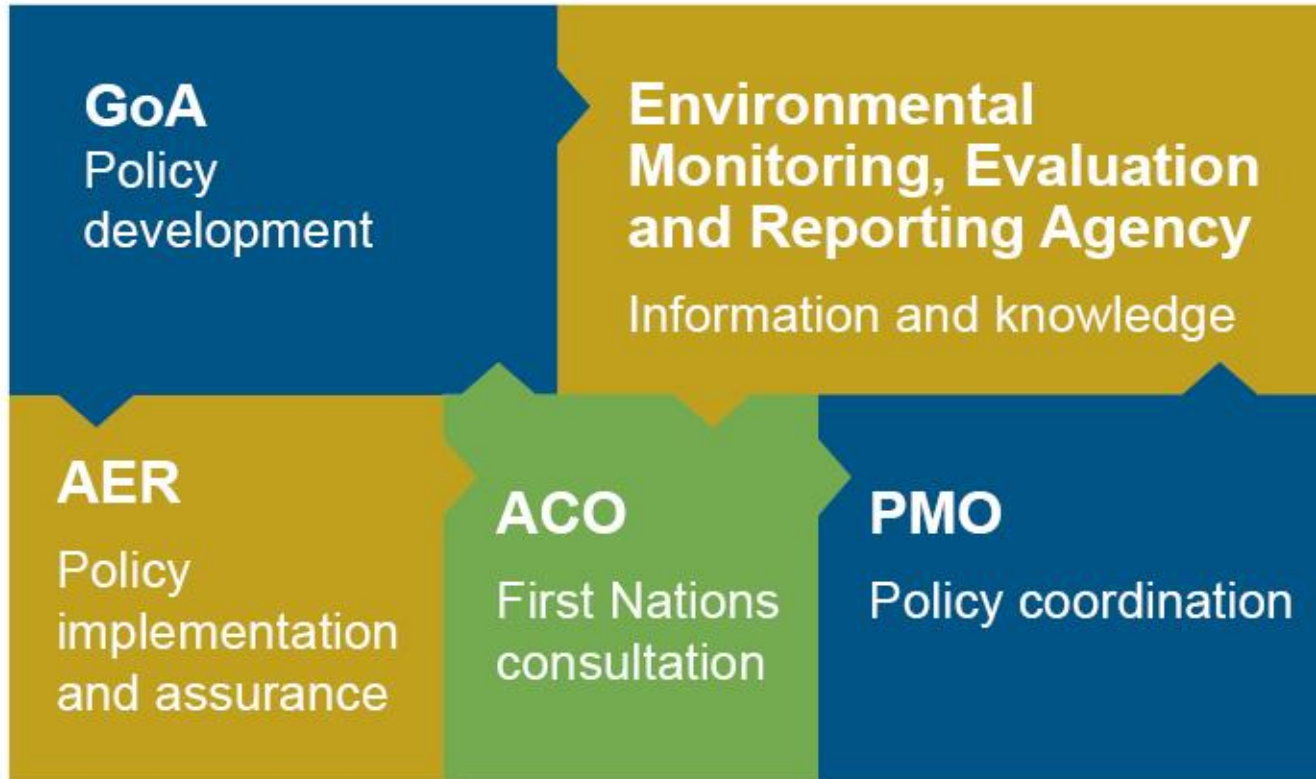
Governance



Building Alberta's Regulator

- › CEO started in May 2013
- › *REDA* proclaimed June 17, 2013
- › Recruitment and appointment of executive leadership team
- › Reorganization to facilitate new responsibilities and functions (matrix structure)
 - › Stakeholder and Government Relations Division

Integrated Resource Management System



Leading the Next Era in Energy Regulation

- › Public safety
- › Environmental protection
- › Rigorous enforcement
- › Industry watchdog

Protecting the Environment

- » Air, land, water, and biodiversity protection
- » Emergency preparedness and response
- » Manage cumulative effects

Our Responsibilities

- › *Mines and Minerals Act, Part 8*
- › *Public Lands Act*
- › *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*
 - › Reclamation and Remediation
- › *Water Act*

Enforcing the Rules

- › All AER rules and requirements must be followed
- › A new approach to compliance
- › More enforcement options and tools when companies fail to comply
- › Companies are penalized for noncompliance

Enforcement Approach

- › More inspections
- › Require detailed plans of action
- › Shut down operations
- › Administrative penalties
- › Prosecution
- › Inform Albertans of industry's record

Innovation and Strategy

- » New compliance assurance framework in final stages of completion
- » Strategic planning and corporate planning processes well underway
- » Increasing effectiveness and improving efficiencies

Vision

- » *The Alberta Energy Regulator is recognized as best-in-class, ensuring the safe, environmentally responsible development of energy resources for the benefit of all Albertans.*



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