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Her Worship Alanna Hnatiw  
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Dear Mayor Hnatiw:

Thank you for your inquiry regarding small natural gas electricity generators in Sturgeon County and the enforcement of nuisance or noise rules. As Associate Minister of Natural Gas and Electricity, I welcome the opportunity to respond to your questions.

The Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) oversees the implementation of the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act*, with regulatory authority pertaining to natural gas electricity generators. This includes the development and enforcement of standards regarding noise impacts on the surrounding community. Specifically, AUC Rule 012 deals with noise control and outlines details on calculating acceptable noise levels.

The AUC stipulates that if an owner plans to generate electric energy solely for the owner's own use and the power plant rating is 10 megawatts or greater, the owner must file information to demonstrate that:

- no person is directly and adversely affected,
- the power plant complies with AUC Rule 012: Noise Control, and
- there is no adverse effect on the environment.

If the power plant rating is less than 10 megawatts, the owner may proceed without filing an application; however, the conditions above, including adherence with permissible noise levels must be met. The AUC has the authority to enforce these rules.

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If you or your constituents have concerns regarding the noise emanating from electricity generators, you can file a complaint with the AUC for investigation and action, if warranted. You can access the complaint form and submission procedure on the AUC website at [www.auc.ab.ca/pages/enforcement-make-complaint.aspx](http://www.auc.ab.ca/pages/enforcement-make-complaint.aspx).

Thank you for contacting the Government of Alberta. Your concerns matter to us. I hope you find this information helpful.

Sincerely,



Dale Nally  
Associate Minister of Natural Gas and Electricity