

Announcement: Bill 2, the *Responsible Energy Development Act*

ABlawg is pleased to announce a series of posts on [Bill 2, the *Responsible Energy Development Act*](#). This important Bill proposes to create a “single window” for reviewing and approving energy projects in Alberta.

The first in the series is a post by Shaun Fluker on the independence of the Alberta Energy Regulator. This post will be followed by posts dealing with a number of topics that we expect will include: the implications of the Bill for the jurisdiction of the Environmental Appeal Board; an overview of the Bill; the standing rules under the Bill; the proposed arrangements for the enforcement of private surface arrangements; the Regulator as a corporation; the Regulator and the duty to consult; the power of the Minister to issue directions to the Regulator; a comparative take on the single window experience looking at developments in Australia; and water management under the Bill.

ABlawg has already posted two blogs on the background to this Bill, one by Nigel Bankes, “[A single window for the permitting of energy projects in Alberta: who will look out for the chickens?](#)” and the other by Nickie Vlavianos, “[The Proposed Single Energy Regulator: Where Are We Now and Where Do We Go from Here?](#)”