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## **Consultation on settlement agreements filed by the Market Surveillance Administrator (MSA)**

In [Bulletin 2010-33](#), the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC or Commission) initiated a consultation process regarding settlement agreements that are filed for approval by the MSA with the Commission.

As an initial step in the consultation, stakeholders were asked to submit written comments to the Commission on the topics raised for discussion in Bulletin 2010-33. Written comments were submitted by eight interested parties. These comments have been posted to the AUC website and are available for review in the Market Oversight > Market Consultations section, or by clicking [here](#). The Commission thanks stakeholders for taking the time to provide these written comments.

In its response, the MSA sought clarification as to whether the Commission is seeking to discuss the exercise of discretion, particularly with respect to specified penalties, granted to the MSA under the *Alberta Utilities Commission Act*. The Commission does not intend to extend the scope of the consultation to matters regarding the exercise of discretion granted to the MSA. The context in which specified penalties were raised was intended to address one possible outcome if a settlement is not approved by the Commission and is returned to the MSA.

In its comments, Capital Power Corporation (Capital Power) requested that the schedule for written comments from interested parties and the roundtable discussion be delayed in order to accommodate conflicts with other activities and the holiday schedule. The Commission has considered Capital Power's request, and has revised the consultation schedule as follows:

<b>December 16, 2010</b>	AUC issues discussion paper for comment
<b>January 20, 2011</b>	Interested parties submit written comments on discussion paper
<b>February 2, 2011</b>	AUC convenes roundtable to discuss comments

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