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Consultation on Proposed Revisions to AUC Rule 012 - Noise Control

On March 24, 2009, the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC or Commission) issued Rule 012 - *Noise Control* (Rule 012), which is applicable to noise emitted by the construction and operation of electric facilities and gas utility pipelines. The Rule 012 was developed from the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board and Energy Resources Conservation Board Directive 38 and its predecessors (ID 80-2, ID 88-1 ID 92.2, ID 94-4, and ID 99-8).

Since the initial release of Rule 012, it has become apparent that portions of the rule require clarification while others require amendment to ensure coordinated regulation of noise regulation throughout the energy sector. A [Project Charter](#) is posted on the AUC website to explain how the review and amendment of Rule 012 will be conducted. The AUC invites your participation in a two-phase project to initiate those changes.

The first phase of consultation will address administrative changes to the rule followed by a second phase technical review involving further consultation with stakeholders. Phase 1 of this project will propose administrative changes to Rule 012 to improve readability, provide additional clarity and help to provide consistency in noise regulation of the energy sector. Phase 1 Administrative Review commences with the receipt of this Bulletin.

The Commission is now seeking stakeholder comments on the proposed [administrative changes](#) to Rule 012. Stakeholders who wish to provide written comments on the proposed changes must do so by **5:00 pm on November 30, 2009**. All written submissions are required to be addressed to Ms. Kellie Benoche by e-mail at: kellie.benoche@auc.ab.ca. This Bulletin, including the [Project Charter](#) and the proposed [administrative changes](#), will be posted on the “Rule Development\Noise Control” portion of the AUC’s website.

Once comments have been received and reviewed, the Commission will proceed to issue a revised draft Rule 012 for a second review. If any contentious administrative issues were raised, a stakeholder meeting may be scheduled to deal with them. The Commission anticipates completing the Phase 1 Administrative Review of the Rule 012 by March 2010.

The Phase 2 Technical Review will be initiated shortly after the release of the revised Rule in March 2010. The Phase 2 Technical Review will involve consultation with stakeholders through a series of workshops to review and discuss technical aspects of the rule.

Any questions relating to this consultation should be directed to Mark Kavanagh by e-mail at: Mark.Kavanagh@auc.ab.ca or by telephone at (403) 592-4446.

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