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Amendments to Rule 005 – Annual Reporting Requirements of Operational and Financial Results to Add Specific Schedules For Service Providers Governed by the Regulated Rate Tariff and the Default Rate Tariff

The Alberta Utilities Commission is reviewing and amending *Rule 005 - Annual Reporting Requirements of Operational and Financial Results* and invites interested parties to participate in this review. The objective of the Rule 005 amendments is to require providers of regulated rate tariff (RRT) service and default rate tariff (DRT) service to file with the Commission unique reporting schedules. The affected providers are AltaGas Utilities Inc., EPCOR Energy Alberta Inc., ENMAX Energy Corporation, and Direct Energy Regulated Services.

Distribution and transmission utilities, both gas and electric will continue to use the existing Rule 005 schedules, as applicable.

To date, in their annual compliance filing under Rule 005, the RRT and DRT service providers have been required to use the existing reporting schedules which were designed for utilities that are regulated on a rate base rate-of-return basis. Unlike this traditional cost-of-service basis of regulation, the companies providing RRT and DRT service primarily earn a return through mechanisms other than a return on investment. This discrepancy creates confusion on how to complete the reporting schedules. Also, the financial results of the service providers are difficult to understand. Thus the Commission is interested in working with the service providers and stakeholders to develop a specific set of schedules for the providers of RRT and the DRT service respectively.

The proposed schedules for consideration can be found on the Commission's website by using the following link: <http://www.auc.ab.ca/rule-development/Rule-005-RRT-DRT-Provider-Amendments/Pages/default.aspx>

April 28, 2010 has been set aside to meet and discuss the proposed schedules in detail.

Parties interested in participating are requested by April 16, 2010 to indicate their intention to participate by notifying Silvia Danchuk at 780-427-9370, or via email at silvia.danchuk@auc.ab.ca.

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