

## AUC Rule 20: Proposed Changes and Additions for 2019

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5 Gas utility pipeline – general information	New 5.1 eFiling system information	Instructions for completion of the electronic application can be found in the eFiling System User Guide. Questions and issues regarding use of the eFiling System should be directed to the eFiling System support staff at 403-592-4500 or by email to info@auc.ab.ca.	<p><b>5.1 eFiling system information</b></p> <p>Instructions for completion of the electronic application can be found in the eFiling System User Guide. Questions and issues regarding use of the eFiling System should be directed to the eFiling System support staff at 403-592-4500 or by email to info@auc.ab.ca.</p>					
	New 5.2 Tier designation and requirement to update the AER pipeline licence database	None	<p><b>5.2 Tier designation and requirement to update the AER pipeline licence database</b></p> <p>(1) For purposes of issuance of decisions and licences, gas utility pipeline applications have been grouped into two tier designations as shown in Table 5.1.</p> <p>(2) Examples of pipeline applications that fall under each tier designation and the application process for each tier designation are listed in Table 5.1.</p> <p>(3) For both tier application types, the applicant must file an application with the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) using the OneStop system to update the AER’s pipeline database (the OneStop application) after it receives approval from the Commission.</p> <p>(4) When filing a OneStop application, applicants must use the business associate (BA) code designated for AUC regulated gas utility pipelines only, and must reference AUC in the application’s project name to further identify the AUC related applications.</p> <p>(5) Applicants must file a copy of the licence confirmation issued by the AER within 90 days of receiving the AUC’s approval.</p>					
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			<b>Pipeline amendment application examples</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Record amendments.</li> <li>Self-disclosure.</li> <li>Pipeline splits due to as-built review.</li> <li>Abandonment applications filed within 90 days of completing the abandonment operation.</li> <li>Low-pressure conversion.</li> <li>Maximum operating pressure (MOP) changes.</li> <li>Surface pipeline removals.</li> <li>Pipeline splits and abandonments requested and paid for by a third party.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pipeline removal and replacement projects requested and paid for by a third party.</li> <li>Pipeline splits, removal and replacement projects proposed by the gas utility pipeline owner.</li> <li>All other application types not mentioned in Tier 1 including:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>compressor addition or removal</li> <li>new pipeline construction</li> <li>surface pipeline installation, etc.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
			<b>Application process</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An applicant files its application using the eFiling system.</li> <li>The Commission reviews the application for completeness, accuracy and technical correctness.</li> <li>If the Commission approves the application, it issues an amended licence but no decision report.</li> <li>The applicant files a related OneStop application with the AER.</li> <li>The AER follows up directly with the applicant on any errors found on the OneStop application.</li> <li>The applicant files confirmation of the Onestop update with the AUC within 90 days of AUC approval</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An applicant files its application using the eFiling System.</li> <li>The Commission reviews the application for completeness, accuracy and technical correctness.</li> <li>If any Tier 1 activities are applied for in conjunction with any of the Tier 2 activities, the application will be treated as a Tier 2 application.</li> <li>If the Commission approves the application, it will issue a decision report and a licence.</li> <li>The applicant files a related OneStop application with the AER.</li> <li>The AER follows up directly with the applicant on any errors found on the OneStop application.</li> <li>The applicant files confirmation of the Onestop update with the AUC within 90 days of AUC approval</li> </ul>