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Amendments to AUC Rule 007 respecting environmental updates and needs identification documents

The Alberta Utilities Commission is responsible for making timely decisions on the need, siting, construction, alteration, operation and decommissioning of electricity transmission facilities.

As addressed in Bulletin 2015-14, the Alberta Utilities Commission has been working with stakeholders to identify required improvements and revisions to Rule 007: *Applications for Power Plants, Substations, Transmission Lines, Industrial System Designations and Hydro Developments* to reflect:

- Updates for environmental requirements, including environmental checklists for transmission line and substation projects.
- Streamlined application requirements for needs identification documents.
- Elimination of applications for approval of certain isolated generating units.

As a result of the review, and with consideration of stakeholders' input, the Commission approved changes to Rule 007 on January 26, 2016, with an effective date of February 1, 2016.

The materials related to the Rule 007 consultation, including stakeholder comments, are posted on the AUC's website under the Rule Development tab, [Rule 007 - Applications for Power Plants, Substations, Transmission Lines, Industrial System Designations and Hydro Developments](#).

The AUC thanks stakeholders for their time and participation in the consultation process, and for their efforts in reviewing and providing comments on the proposed changes to the rule.

If you have questions or feedback with respect to the changes outlined in this bulletin, please contact AUC Executive Director of Facilities Wade Vienneau at wade.vienneau@auc.ab.ca, or by telephone at 403-592-4470.

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