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Changes to AUC Rule 012: Noise Control

The Alberta Utilities Commission regulates noise associated with electric and gas pipeline facilities. The Commission initiated a comprehensive consultation process on potential changes to certain provisions of AUC Rule 012: *Noise Control*. That consultation process is now complete and the Commission is satisfied that its engagement with stakeholders on this important rule was effective and beneficial.

Changes to Rule 012 have also necessitated one change to AUC Rule 007: *Applications for Power Plants, Substations, Transmission Lines, Industrial System Designations and Hydro Developments*, in order to align it with the changes to Rule 012.

The final results of the current consultation process are a [revised Rule 012](#) and a [revised Rule 007](#), which have been issued and published on the AUC website. Amendments to these rules were approved by the Commission on April 16, 2019, and are effective August 1, 2019.

The consultation process began in December 2017, when the Commission issued Bulletin 2017-11, *AUC Rule 012: Noise Control - Consultation on noise issues*, in which it requested written comments from stakeholders on noise issues associated with Rule 012. The Commission subsequently held a technical meeting in August 2018. Additional feedback and written submissions were received from stakeholders, during and following the technical meeting.

In December 2018, the Commission issued Bulletin 2018-19, *Changes to AUC Rule 012: Noise Control*, in conjunction with a blackline version of Rule 012 that highlighted proposed amendments to the rule as well as a comment matrix which summarized stakeholders' positions and the AUC's responses. A number of stakeholder submissions were received in response to this material.

The Commission reviewed the most recent round of stakeholder comments and is satisfied that the amendments to Rule 012, and the subsequent change to Rule 007, are necessary and in the public interest. Final rule change matrixes and updated blackline versions of Rule 012 and Rule 007 have been posted on the AUC website under the [consultation for Rule 012](#) tab, and the [consultation for Rule 007](#) tab, respectively.

The Commission sincerely thanks stakeholders for their time and active participation in the consultation process. Any questions related to Rule 012 may be directed to Brian Shand at brian.shand@auc.ab.ca, Wayne MacKenzie at wayne.mackenzie@auc.ab.ca or Joan Yu at joan.yu@auc.ab.ca.

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