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Rule 028 (Version 1.0): *Natural Gas Settlement System Code Rules*

Over the past seven months, the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC or Commission) has been working with stakeholders to create a rule for natural gas settlement which documents standards for determining and communicating settlement results and other market transactions between gas distributors and gas retailers. As a result of the consultation, the Commission has created AUC Rule 028: *Natural Gas Settlement System Code Rules*.

On March 29, 2011, the Commission approved [Rule 028 \(Version 1.0\): *Natural Gas Settlement System Code Rules*](#). The rule will come into effect on April 4, 2011.

During the course of the stakeholder consultation, AltaGas Utilities Inc. (AltaGas) identified specific areas of Rule 028 that it planned to seek exemptions from once the rule came into effect as it is currently not in a position to comply with those provisions. In order to allow for both full implementation of Rule 028 as of the effective date and to provide sufficient time for AltaGas to file an exemption application with the Commission, the Commission has determined that it will temporarily delay the enforcement of AltaGas' compliance with those sections of Rule 028 identified in the [stakeholder comment matrix](#) posted on the Commission's website (and also listed in the attached Appendix 1), and directs that AltaGas file its application for any required exemptions prior to **May 6, 2011**. Once an exemption application is filed the Commission will assess the information provided by AltaGas and determine the appropriate term for any exemption that it may grant.

All the materials related to the Rule 028 consultation are posted on the AUC's website under the tab "Rule Development\Natural Gas Settlement System Code." The comments received from stakeholders as well as the [AUC's response](#) are also summarized and posted on the website.

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

Any questions relating to Rule 028 (Version 1.0): *Natural Gas Settlement System Code Rules* can be directed to Rob Thomas at 403-592-4435 or by e-mail at robert.thomas@auc.ab.ca.

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Appendix 1

List of subsections of Rule 028 (Version 1.0): *Natural Gas Settlement System Code Rules* for which AltaGas Utilities Inc. may require exemptions pursuant to Bulletin 2011-11 dated April 1, 2011

2.5(1)	Responsibility for estimating missing meter readings and consumption amounts
2.9	Estimation and liability for settlement
3.1	Profile generation methods
4.1	Unaccounted-for gas
4.2	Settlement interval
4.3	Estimation and settlement timing
5.2	Pre-final error correction (PFEC)
6.	Functional requirements of the settlement calculation
7.1	Information exchange (transaction set: Provide wholesale settlement data)
8.6.2	Wholesale settlement data transfers
8.6.5.3	Site profile change transaction
11	Settlement performance reporting
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