

Bulletin 2020-35

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Amendments to AUC Rule 017 including streamlining requirements

On October 19, 2020, the Alberta Utilities Commission approved amendments to Rule 017: *Procedures and Process for Development of ISO Rules and Filing of ISO Rules with the Alberta Utilities Commission*, with an effective date of November 6, 2020.

Background

On July 3, 2020, the AUC initiated a rule-review process in which it sought feedback from stakeholders on changes to Rule 017. The proposed changes involved the removal of references to the capacity market, the introduction of a new section that would permit the independent system operator (ISO) to streamline its consultation and application process for making administrative changes to existing ISO rules, and the removal of numerous mandatory requirements in the rule.

Stakeholders who provided comments were supportive of the removal of the capacity market section and the introduction of the administrative changes provision. However, they were uncomfortable with the latitude that would be granted to the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) arising from the removal of many of the prescriptive requirements.

Consequently, to address the concerns expressed by stakeholders regarding the responsiveness from the AESO, the Commission will be keeping the requirements for the ISO to provide a copy of any data, analyses or other material that the ISO considers to be relevant to the need for, the development of, removal of, or renewal of a proposed rule (Section 4.3(b) of Rule 017) and provide written responses to the submissions of stakeholders (Section 5.3 of Rule 017) early in the consultation process.

This bulletin, the final approved Rule 017, along with the corresponding blackline version of the rule, are posted in the [rule-related consultations](#) section of the AUC website.

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. Any questions related to this bulletin should be directed to Fino Tiberi at fino.tiberi@auc.ab.ca.

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