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## **Amendments to AUC rules 002, 003, 021 and 028 to reduce regulatory burden and improve efficiency**

On December 16, 2020, the Alberta Utilities Commission approved amendments to [Rule 002: Service Quality and Reliability Performance Monitoring and Reporting for Owners of Electric Distribution Systems and for Gas Distributors](#), [Rule 003: Service Quality Reporting for Energy Service Providers](#), [Rule 021: Settlement System Code Rules](#) and [Rule 028: Natural Gas System Settlement Code Rules](#) with an effective date of December 17, 2020.

### **Background**

The government of Alberta introduced the *Red Tape Reduction Act* to reduce regulatory burden and improve regulatory efficiency. Agencies, including the Alberta Utilities Commission, form part of this commitment and the AUC has been actively reviewing its rules in order to reduce the regulatory requirements contained within the rules.

Two of these rules, Rule 021 and Rule 028 serve as the operational manuals for the estimated combined \$8 billion electricity and natural gas markets. Recognizing the critical nature of these rules, the AUC met extensively with stakeholders over several months.

In November 2020, the AUC initiated a rule-review process through its [Engage consultation platform](#) in which it sought feedback from stakeholders on changes to rules 002, 003, 021 and 028. The proposed changes focused on removing unnecessary requirements, streamlining and updating filing requirements, and improving administrative efficiency.

Stakeholders who provided comments were supportive of the directional approach taken by the AUC to reduce regulatory burden in the four rules. Specific concerns and comments provided by stakeholders regarding the revisions have been addressed in the stakeholder comment tables released with the rules.

This bulletin, the final approved rules 002, 003, 021 and 028, along with the corresponding blackline version of the rules, and the AUC responses to stakeholder comment tables are posted in the [rule-related consultations section](#) of the AUC website.

Stakeholders will be able to take advantage of the reduced regulatory requirements in these rules immediately including, in particular, applying the revisions to Rule 002 and Rule 003 in stakeholders' 2020 annual report filings.

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 rules. Any questions related to this bulletin should be directed to Fino Tiberi or Andrea Laroia at [regulatorypolicy@auc.ab.ca](mailto:regulatorypolicy@auc.ab.ca).

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