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## Proposed amendments to AUC Rule 005 schedules

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 Commission is reviewing its rules in order to reduce regulatory requirements.

As part of this review, the Commission has identified and is seeking feedback on a number of potential amendments to the schedules of [Rule 005: Annual Reporting Requirements of Financial and Operational Results](#). The identified changes relate only to the Rule 005 schedules and not to the main body of Rule 005. Specifically, the Commission is considering the following amendments:

### Electric utility schedules and gas utility Rule 005 schedules for transmission and distribution

- Removal of the requirement to provide general rates application (GRA) and general tariff application (GTA) approved forecast information.
- Removal of the variance calculations between actual/normalized and approved forecast.

### Regulated rate provider and default supply provider Rule 005 schedules

- Removal of the following schedules:
  - Schedule 1 – Regulated rate tariff income statement.
  - Schedule 5 – Debt capital employed and interest expense.
  - Schedule 6 – Income tax/payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT).
  - Schedule 7 – Capital assets continuity schedule.
  - Schedule 8 – Manpower schedule.
  - Schedule 9 – Reserve accounts.
  - Schedule 10 – Affiliate transactions.
  - Schedule 11 – Reconciliation from audited income statement to regulatory schedules, including removing the requirement to file audited financial statements.

The changes proposed involve removing schedules or reporting requirements that the Commission considers may no longer be required or that contain information that is publicly available through other means. This would streamline the reporting of a utility's annual finances and operations, while ensuring the provision of a sufficient level of detail.

The Commission's review of the Rule 005 schedules will consist of a stakeholder consultation involving a written process. The [AUC Engage forum](#), found through the AUC website, will be used to gather stakeholder input and feedback related to this consultation.

To participate in the consultation, please register on Engage by visiting the [Rule 005 AUC Engage project page](#) and submit your comments regarding the proposed changes to the rule. Both blackline and clean versions of the rule can be found on the project page under the side bar called "Consultation Documents." The deadline for submitting comments is **Wednesday, February 10, 2021**.

After the consultation process is complete, the Commission will issue an amended Rule 005. It should be noted that the Commission may make any such further adjustments to Rule 005 on its final approval that are necessary to reflect changes in the appendices (schedules) and may make other amendments to the rule that it considers are required arising out of the stakeholder consultation.

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