

Announcement

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Revised AUC Rule 007

The Alberta Utilities Commission regulates electric facilities and gas utility pipelines to ensure they are sited, constructed, altered, operated and decommissioned in a safe and environmentally responsible manner. The Commission conducted an extensive consultation process focused on developing efficient regulatory requirements to address evolving technologies and emerging issues for Rule 007: *Applications for Power Plants, Substations, Transmission Lines, Industrial System Designations and Hydro Developments*. The Commission also sought feedback on a full reorganization of the rule that included streamlining information requirements and eliminating outdated requirements, and merging Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines* into Rule 007.

The engagement with stakeholders and Indigenous groups on this important rule was effective, and contributed to clarifying the requirements and to reducing regulatory burden. The Commission thanks stakeholders for their active participation throughout the consultation process.

Changes to Rule 007 have necessitated one change to Rule 012: *Noise Control*, to have a consistent definition of the terms “application deemed complete.” The inclusion of Keyhole Makeup Language (.kml/.kmz) files in Rule 007 also resulted in the addition of two new supported file formats to Rule 001: *Rules of Practice*. Further, because Rule 020 has been incorporated into Rule 007, Rule 020 will be rescinded, effective September 1, 2021. The revised [Rule 001](#) and [Rule 012](#) have been issued and published on the AUC website.

To make Rule 007 more accessible and easier to use, the Commission has introduced a [web-based delivery](#) (wiki-style) of Rule 007 that is accessible from the [Rules page](#) on the AUC website. The Commission has also made available fillable PDF application forms for various types of electric facility and gas utility pipeline applications. An applicant can compile parts of its application by filling out the applicable application form(s) and uploading them to the eFiling System with its complete application. A PDF version of the revised rule is available on the [Rule 007 consultation page](#). The revised Rule 007 will be effective September 1, 2021.

The Commission will hold a virtual workshop on the afternoon of April 22, 2021, to guide stakeholders through the changes to Rule 007 and answer any questions they may have about its application. If you are interested in attending the virtual workshop, please email Kellie Benoche with your name and contact information to fac-correspondence@auc.ab.ca by March 24, 2021. Additional details about the virtual workshop will be provided to those expressing interest in attending, following that date.

If you have questions or feedback with respect to the revised Rule 007, please contact Wayne MacKenzie at 403-592-4420 or by email at wayne.mackenzie@auc.ab.ca, or Sophie Jiang at 403-592-4418 or by email at sophie.jiang@auc.ab.ca.

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