

Announcement

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Regulatory burden stakeholder consultation

The AUC is assigned by the legislature to regulate and adjudicate within the electricity, natural gas and water utilities sectors. Almost any significant activity or development respecting Alberta's utility sector requires AUC approval or may be brought to the AUC for adjudication on complaint.

AUC regulation, as with most forms of regulation, imposes costs on regulated companies. These include the costs of meeting regulatory process requirements and the administrative costs of running the agency, most of which are ultimately borne by consumers.

The Alberta government recently passed the *Red Tape Reduction Act* with the objective of reducing regulatory burden to enhance economic growth, innovation, competitiveness and investment in Alberta businesses.

The AUC has consistently sought efficiency and cost accountability in delivering its work and is interested in consulting broadly with stakeholders to explore ways to further reduce regulatory burden. Key areas of focus for the consultation include AUC rules or procedural steps that may have become outdated or unnecessary, and opportunities to streamline and improve regulation and adjudication processes.

The AUC encourages interested stakeholders to submit written comments on initiatives to reduce regulatory burden by August 23, 2019. Stakeholders can register to participate in this consultation through the [AUC Engage tool](#). Engage can be accessed from the top of the AUC website homepage, select "Reducing regulatory burden" and "REGISTER to get involved!". On this page, stakeholders will find specific questions the AUC is seeking feedback on.

As part of its consultation, the AUC will host a roundtable on October 4, 2019 in its Calgary office to discuss comments received. The roundtable will be chaired by AUC Chair Mark Kolesar. Please RSVP your interest to attend, speak or both at the roundtable to holly.lee@auc.ab.ca.

Additional details regarding the roundtable, including an agenda and list of participants, will be published in the coming weeks.

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