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Consultation on proposed amendments to AUC Rule 016

The Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) is proposing amendments to [Rule 016: Review of Commission Decisions](#) as part of its ongoing review of its case management procedures, and its objective of improving the transparency, clarity and simplicity of its rules. The proposed amendments will:

- Introduce minimum information requirements requiring review applicants to:
 - If alleging an error of fact under subsection 5(1)(a), identify the alleged error of fact.
 - If alleging an error of mixed fact and law under subsection 5(1)(a), identify the legal standard and facts that are at issue, and explain how the Commission erred in applying the legal standard to those facts.
- Change the standard of proof for errors of fact and of mixed fact and law from a balance of probabilities to a palpable and overriding error.
- Codify the AUC's discretion to dismiss a review application, if it does not comply with minimum information requirements, or if it is out of scope of the permissible grounds for review.
- Introduce page limits for response submissions.

Participation

The AUC's review of Rule 016 will consist of a stakeholder consultation involving a written process. The [AUC Engage](#) platform, found through the AUC website, will be used to gather input and feedback related to this consultation.

To participate, please register an account on AUC Engage by visiting the [AUC Rule 016 Engage page](#), and submit your comments on the proposed changes to the rule.

A blackline version of the rule along with a clean version can be found under the Consultation submissions section on the right-hand side of the page. The deadline for submitting comments is **October 20, 2023**.

Any questions related to this announcement should be directed to Jaimie Graham at jaimie.graham@auc.ab.ca.

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