

Bulletin 2023-01

April 25, 2023

Stage 2 of round 2 consultation for potential changes to AUC Rule 012: Noise Control

Background

The Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC or the Commission) is seeking feedback from stakeholders on potential changes to certain provisions of [Rule 012: Noise Control](#) to streamline and improve regulatory and adjudicative processes. To date, there have been two rounds of consultation.

Round 1 consultation

In [Bulletin 2022-08](#), the Commission proposed changes to Rule 012 and requested written feedback on these changes. The consultation associated with Bulletin 2022-08 will be referred to as round 1 consultation.

The Commission has reviewed stakeholder feedback submitted in response to Bulletin 2022-08 and decided that it has received sufficient information on the changes proposed in Bulletin 2022-08. No further consultation is required regarding the changes specified in Bulletin 2022-08.

Round 2 consultation

Stage 1 of round 2 consultation

During round 1 consultation, several stakeholders identified matters for consideration in addition to the changes proposed in Bulletin 2022-08. These included the development of applicable permissible sound levels (PSLs) for receptors in urban areas and clarification on determination of PSLs for new dwellings.

The Commission issued [Bulletin 2022-12](#) and initiated another round of written consultation on potential Rule 012 revisions to address two topics: urban PSLs and new dwelling PSLs. The consultation associated with Bulletin 2022-12 will be referred to as stage 1 of round 2 consultation.

The Commission has reviewed stakeholder feedback submitted in response to Bulletin 2022-12. The Commission created a [comment matrix \(Appendix A\)](#) that summarizes the stakeholder feedback and provides Commission responses to the feedback.

Stage 2 of round 2 consultation

During stage 1 of round 2 consultation, the Commission has identified the following topics that require further consultation, which will be referred to as stage 2 of round 2 consultation:

- Determination of suburban and urban PSLs.
- Definition of suburban and urban receptors.
- Milestone for establishing PSLs at new dwellings.
- Tonality evaluation.

Discussion questions for stage 2 of round 2 consultation

In the [comment matrix \(Appendix A\)](#), the Commission has included a number of questions to guide discussion. The Commission requests that stakeholder feedback be focused **exclusively** on the topics and associated questions specified in the comment matrix.

Interested stakeholders are requested to provide feedback to **Joan Yu at joan.yu@auc.ab.ca by May 15, 2023.**

The AUC thanks stakeholders for their time and participation in the consultation process. Any questions related to Rule 012 and the associated consultation process may be directed to Brian Shand at brian.shand@auc.ab.ca and/or Joan Yu at joan.yu@auc.ab.ca.

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