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To: All parties participating in the Rule 022: *Rules on Costs in Utility Rate Proceedings* consultation

Ongoing review of Rule 022

1. The Alberta Utilities Commission has been assessing potential changes to Rule 022 in light of the comments received both in writing in the fall and at the virtual stakeholder engagement session on December 8 and 9, 2021. At the same time, the Commission has been assessing other potential changes to its processes, and recently engaged with stakeholders as part of its [Roundtable 2022](#) on regulatory burden.
2. Some of the improvements to the Commission's processes discussed during the Roundtable engagement may affect or require changes to the Commission's cost regime for rates proceedings (e.g. potential recovery of pre-application costs such as those that might be incurred for negotiated settlements), and the Commission wishes to ensure the changes it implements are coordinated and complementary.
3. As a result, the Commission will not be releasing a revised draft of Rule 022 until it has had time to assess the interrelated impact of the process improvements, including those recently suggested during the roundtable. The Commission will communicate updates to its Rule 022 consultation process in due course.
4. If you have any questions, please contact Kristjana Kellgren at kristjana.kellgren@auc.ab.ca or Kim Macnab at kim.macnab@auc.ab.ca.

Yours truly,

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