

# Bulletin 2024-18

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## **Amendments to AUC Rule 029**

The Alberta Utilities Commission has amended [Rule 029: Municipal Franchise Agreements](#). The amendments are intended to enable the legislative changes related to franchise agreements driven by the *Utilities Affordability Statutes Amendment Act, 2024* (the Act), modernize the notice requirements and clarify language.

The amendments to Rule 029 come into force on September 12, 2024.

In addition to the revised rule, the AUC has issued a [comment matrix](#) with parties' feedback from consultation and the AUC's response, and a [blackline version of Rule 029](#) showing the changes made to Rule 029.

The revised Rule 029 adds a minimum notice period for franchise agreement applications of 45 days. For the purposes of the upcoming applications described in [Bulletin 2024-12](#), the AUC will accept a minimum notice period of 21 days.

All materials related to Rule 029 can be found on the [Consultations page](#) of the AUC's website, as well as on the AUC's [Rule 029 Engage page](#). The revised Rule 029 is available on the [AUC rules page](#).

The AUC thanks parties for their participation in the consultation process. Any questions related to this bulletin may be directed to Chris Arnot at [chris.arnot@auc.ab.ca](mailto:chris.arnot@auc.ab.ca).

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