

Bulletin 2026-12

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AUC engagement on draft amendments to Rule 021 and Rule 028 required to implement permanent Alberta Time - Submission deadline September 18, 2026

The government of Alberta introduced Bill 31, *Red Tape Reduction Statutes Amendment Act*, 2026, which, among other things, amended the *Daylight Saving Time Act* to eliminate biannual time changes in Alberta. The *Official Time Act* and regulations made under it adopt permanent Alberta Time, which is six hours behind Coordinated Universal Time.

[Rule 021](#): *Settlement System Code Rules* and [Rule 028](#): *Natural Gas Settlement System Code Rules* currently allow for biannual time changes between standard time and daylight-saving time to accommodate load settlement. These rules must be updated to reflect Alberta Time.

The Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) [launched an engagement](#) to implement amendments to Rule 021 and Rule 028. Feedback is being sought from all market participants involved in load settlement concerning amendments to Rule 021 and Rule 028 to effect Alberta Time. No other changes to these rules are being considered within this engagement.

The AUC has drafted amendments to Rule 021 and Rule 028 based in part on feedback submitted through an initial engagement period which closed on August 5, 2026. The AUC is now seeking stakeholder feedback on these draft amendments, found on the [AUC Engage page](#).

The written engagement is hosted on the AUC website. **The deadline for submissions is September 18, 2026.** Parties interested in participating in the engagement must go to the Engage page, download the submission questions with the title “Rule 021 and Rule 028 amendments [name of company or individual]” and submit their responses to engage@auc.ab.ca. In the email, please include the following **subject line: Rules 021 and 028 engagement**.

This is a public engagement. Submissions provided to the AUC will form part of the public record and may be posted on the AUC’s website with contact information, aside from names, removed. The AUC collects, uses and discloses this information to carry out its mandate as a public body and to support a transparent public process in accordance with Alberta’s privacy legislation and the AUC’s [privacy policy](#). Submissions that are duplicates, not in the required format, or outside the scope of the engagement may not be posted or considered, and the AUC may withhold or redact submissions that are not appropriate.

AUC staff are available upon request for virtual meetings to further mutual understanding of required changes or guidance required on this matter. However, only written formal submissions to the Engage page will be used in making revisions or decisions related to AUC rules.

Next steps

After the above feedback has been considered, the AUC will issue final versions of Rule 021 and Rule 028 that will come into effect November 1, 2026.

Any questions related to this bulletin may be directed to info@auc.ab.ca or 310-4AUC (310-4282).

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