

**Final comment matrix for the revision of Rule 029**

| Feedback from interested parties   | Commission response   |
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| <p><b>Local Access Fee</b></p> <p>The Office of the Utilities Consumer Advocate requested that Rule 029 should include the definition of a Local Access Fee, and to have reference to Local Access Fees where necessary and applicable, alongside any reference to Franchise Fees.</p> | <p>The Commission has amended the definition of “franchise fee” in Rule 029 to include reference to “Local Access Fee”.</p>   |
| <p><b>Municipal Consent and Access Agreements</b></p> <p>The Office of the Utilities Consumer Advocate requested that Rule 029 include reference to Municipal Consent and Access Agreements in addition to, and alongside Franchise Agreements where necessary.</p>                    | <p>The Commission understands that the term “Municipal Consent and Access Agreement” is unique to historical agreements with the City of Calgary, and that the most recent Municipal Consent and Access Agreement was replaced by a Franchise Fee Agreement in 2018. It is not clear that this term will be used in applications for future agreements. The Commission will make efforts to use consistent language in approvals to minimize confusion.</p> |
| <p><b>Notice period for applications for franchise agreements</b></p> <p>EPCOR Distribution &amp; Transmission Inc. requested that the Commission include a minimum notice period of no less than 21 days for applications for approval of franchise agreements.</p>                   | <p>The Commission has added a minimum notice period for applications for franchise agreements of 45 days within Section 4.1(c).</p>   |