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## *As-built Digital Mapping Submissions & Licensing of Low Pressure Pipelines*

Effective immediately, each natural gas distributor is now responsible for maintaining their own complete natural gas distribution plans. Rural Utilities Section with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry can no longer be the repository of the rural gas distribution mapping.

Rural Utilities will now focus solely on the legislative requirements under the *Gas Distribution Act*, and will receive license applications only for distributors' natural gas pipelines under 700 kPa (100 psi) (low pressure pipelines – that are both operating and abandoned).

The deadline for submissions remains at March 31<sup>st</sup> of the year following construction.

License letters will be prepared by Rural Utilities staff and signed by the Chief Officer.

This new strategy is being consistently applied to all natural gas distributors in Alberta (except privately-owned pipelines).

### *As-built submissions for each year's construction must contain ALL of the following:*

A listing of all construction done in 2018. This listing must include the following:

- The total number for each type of service installed (Rural, Urban, Non-grantable, Federal Lands, Re-routes, Re-installs, etc.)
- A list of all upgrade projects constructed in the year.
- Summary of costs (only for distributors receiving grants)
- A list of all abandonments during the year.
- Total kilometres of pipe installed (low-pressure only)
- A single overall plan showing only the low-pressure pipelines and customer symbols.

The plan must also be submitted in one of the following formats:

- Bentley MicroStation or PowerDraft DGN format (merged file of the low-pressure active & abandoned pipelines and customer symbols)
- GIS format (ESRI SHP or GDB dataset with all active & abandoned low-pressure pipelines and customer points)
  - *Contact Eugene Liu for specifics*

### *If you have questions about the changes identified in this bulletin:*

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