

## Gas – Miscellaneous Order U2008-131

MADE at the City of Calgary, in the Province of Alberta, on 18th day of April 2008.	ALBERTA UTILITIES COMMISSION
AltaGas Utilities Inc. 2005/2006 General Rate Application - Phase II 2006 Deficiency Rider Reconciliation	Application No.1566835

## 1 INTRODUCTION

On March 28, 2008, the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC or the Commission) received an application from AltaGas Utilities Inc. (AltaGas) regarding its 2006 Deficiency Rider. In Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (EUB) Decision 2007-079, dated October 16, 2007, AltaGas received approval from the EUB to recover the EUB-approved 2006 deficiency and prior residual deficiency balances totaling \$543,857. Subsequently, by way of letter dated November 6, 2007, the EUB approved AltaGas Deficiency Rider (Rider F) of 2.013%, with the expectation that AltaGas would file a deficiency rider reconciliation application prior to March 31, 2008.

Historically, AltaGas has used deficiency riders to recover any revenue shortfalls collected via existing rates or interim rates versus AltaGas' approved revenue requirements.

AltaGas submitted that it applied Rider F to its November 2007 billings as approved by the EUB. AltaGas billed a total of \$538,921 of the deficiencies, leaving an unbilled balance of \$4,936 as of March 27, 2008. An unbilled balance may occur because some customers that existed on AltaGas' system when Rider F was calculated will subsequently leave the AltaGas system; and those customers who leave are therefore no longer available when the billing of Rider F occurs. AltaGas submitted that it would write off the unbilled balance in 2008 due to its relatively immaterial amount and the administrative overhead that would otherwise be required to maintain it on AltaGas' books.

On March 31, 2008, the Commission distributed a Notice of Application to interested parties on AltaGas' 2007 General Rate Application distribution list. Any party wishing to intervene in this proceeding was required to file a Statement of Intent to Participate (SIP) by April 7, 2008. On April 7, 2008, the Commission received a SIP from the Office of the Utilities Consumer Advocate (UCA). The UCA's submission did not specify whether they objected or supported AltaGas' application.

The Commission considers the record to the proceeding closed on April 7, 2008.

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## 2 ORDER

The AUC is satisfied that AltaGas' Deficiency Rider Reconciliation Application is consistent with EUB Decision 2007-079 and given the immateriality of the balance and lack of objections from interested parties, the Application is approved as filed.

## THEREFORE,

1) AltaGas Utilities Inc.'s Deficiency Rider Reconciliation Application is approved as filed.

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