


MADE at the City of Calgary, in the Province of Alberta, on 17th day of November 2008.	 ALBERTA UTILITIES COMMISSION
AltaGas Utilities Inc. Unaccounted-For Gas – Rate Rider ‘E’	Application No. 1589732 Proceeding ID 113

1 BACKGROUND

On October 7, 2008, AltaGas Utilities Inc. (AUI) filed an application (the Application) with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC or the Commission) requesting approval for a proposal to adjust Rate Rider ‘E’ – Unaccounted-For Gas (UFG) from 0.74 percent to 0.82 percent effective December 1, 2008.

2 DETAILS OF THE APPLICATION

In the Application, AUI states that, in addition to the determination of the Gas Cost Recovery Rate (GCRR) and the Third Party Transportation Rate Rider (TPTR), this Rider is used for determining UFG as defined in AUI’s terms and conditions of service. Rider ‘E’ represents the arithmetic average of the annual UFG percentages of the last five years. Details of the determination of the UFG rate are provided in Appendix 1. AUI also stated that no change is proposed to the existing approved methodology.

On October 27, 2008, the Commission issued Notice of Application. Any party wishing to intervene in the Proceeding was required to file a Statement of Intention to Participate (SIP) by November 3, 2007. One SIP, from the Office of the Utilities Consumer Advocate (UCA), was received, with no specific support or objection identified. Subsequently, by letter dated November 4, 2008, UCA stated it had no objections to the AUI UFG Rate Rider ‘E’ proposal.

3 VIEWS OF THE COMMISSION

Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (AEUB or the Board) Order [2007-297](#),¹ issued on October 31, 2007, in response to AUI’s proposal to adjust Rate Rider ‘E’ – Unaccounted-For Gas (UFG) from 0.73 percent to 0.74 percent effective November 1, 2007 directed that, in the future, AUI’s UFG applications must be submitted at least 45 days prior to the effective date of the rider. This direction included the condition that there will be nothing contentious in the

¹ AEUB Order U2007-297 – AltaGas Utilities Inc - Application to Adjust Unaccounted-For Gas Rider E (Application No. 1529466) (Issued October 31, 2007)

applications. The Commission finds that there is nothing contentious in this application and also finds that AUI has complied with the 45 day minimum filing requirement.

The AUC notes that the UFG rate in Rider 'E' was determined in the same manner previously approved by Public Utilities Board Decision E90057,² and also that no parties are opposed to the proposed UFG rate adjustment. The Commission therefore finds the amendments to be in the public interest and approves the adjustment to Rate Rider 'E' to 0.82 percent as proposed by AUI. The adjusted Rider 'E' replaces the rate approved by the AEUB in Order U2007-297.

4 ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- (1) Rider 'E', as set out in Schedule 'A' attached to and forming part of this Order, is hereby fixed and approved as the rate to be applied to all transportation end-user rates for the recovery of Unaccounted-For Gas, effective December 1, 2008.

ATTACHMENTS

² Public Utilities Board Decision E90057 – ICG Utilities (Alberta) Ltd. – Application to Approve New Rates, Charges or Schedules for Natural Gas Supplied and Services Rendered to its Customers in Alberta for the Years 1989 and 1990 (Issued October 10, 1990)

APPENDIX 1

AltaGas Utilities Inc. Determination of Unaccounted-for Gas Percentage 2008/2009

Unaccounted-for Gas for the Year Ended May 31:

1.	2004	0.73%
2.	2005	0.76%
3.	2006	0.43%
4.	2007	1.01%
5.	2008	<u>1.17%</u>
6.	Five Year Average	<u>0.82%</u>

SCHEDULE 'A'

AltaGas Utilities Inc.

RATE RIDER "E"

UNACCOUNTED-FOR GAS RIDER

FOR THE DETERMINATION OF UNACCOUNTED-FOR GAS

The Unaccounted-For-Gas Rider shall be used in the calculation of the Gas Cost Recovery Rider "D" and to determine the amount of Unaccounted-For-Gas as defined in AltaGas Utilities Inc.'s terms and conditions of service.

Unaccounted-For-Gas Rider: 0.82%

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: December 1, 2008	REPLACING RATE EFFECTIVE: November 1, 2007	Page 1 of 1 RIDER 'E'
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