


MADE at the City of Calgary, in the Province of Alberta, on 31st day of October 2007.	 ALBERTA ENERGY AND UTILITIES BOARD
AltaGas Utilities Inc. Unaccounted-for Gas – Rate Rider ‘E’	Application No. 1529466

1 INTRODUCTION

On October 11, 2007, AltaGas Utilities Inc. (AUI) filed an application (the Application) with the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (the Board) requesting approval of an adjustment to Rate Rider ‘E’ – Unaccounted-for Gas (UFG) from 0.73 percent to 0.74 percent effective November 1, 2007.

In addition to the determination of the gas cost recovery rate, the UFG Rate Rider ‘E’ is used for recovery of line loss from all transportation end-use customers. An annual UFG percentage is calculated each year on the total throughput contributing to UFG. Rider ‘E’ represents the arithmetic average of the actual UFG percentages of the last five years. Details of the determination of the UFG rate are provided in Appendix 1.

Due to the limited time between the date of this filing and the effective period for the proposed gas cost recovery rate, AUI requested this filing be handled as expeditiously as possible in the interest of AUI’s customers.

On October 16, 2007, the Board distributed Notice of Application to all parties on the AltaGas 2005/2006 GRA Phase II and AltaGas 2007 GRA Phase I distribution list (Application Nos. 1491262 & 1494406). Any party wishing to register an objection or support for the application was required to file a Statement of Intention to Participate by October 23, 2007. The Board received a letter of intervention from the Office of the Utilities Consumer Advocate.

On October 17, 2007, Board Staff issued Information Request (IR) No. 1 to AUI. AUI filed responses to the aforementioned IRs on October 23, 2007.

In a letter dated October 26, 2007, at the Board’s request, AUI submitted corrections to the table headers in information responses BR-AUI-2(a) and BR-AUI-2(d) to provide clarification of the data contained in the tables.

2 BOARD FINDINGS

The Board directs that, in the future, AUI’s UFG applications must be submitted at least 45 days prior to the effective date of the rider. This assumes that there will be nothing contentious in the application.

The Board has reviewed the information provided by AUI in the Application and their responses to Information Requests. The Board is satisfied with the additional detail of the data provided by AUI in their IR responses. The Board notes that the UFG rate in Rider 'E' was determined in the same manner previously approved by the Board, and also notes that no parties opposed the proposed UFG rate adjustment. The Board therefore accepts the adjustment to Rate Rider 'E' to 0.74 percent as proposed by AUI. The adjusted Rider 'E' replaces the rate approved by the Board in Order U2006-273, dated October 18, 2006.

3 ORDER

THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED THAT:

For AltaGas Utilities Inc.:

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 November 1, 2007.

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: 0.74%

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: November 1, 2007	REPLACING RATE EFFECTIVE: November 1, 2006	Page 1 of 1 RIDER ‘E’
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APPENDIX 1**AltaGas Utilities Inc.
Determination of Unaccounted-for Gas Percentage
2007/2008****Unaccounted-for Gas for the Year Ended May 31:**

1.	2003	0.76%
2.	2004	0.73%
3.	2005	0.76%
4.	2006	0.43%
5.	2007	1.01%
6.	Five Year Average	<u>0.74%</u>