


Miscellaneous Gas Rate Order U2006-19

MADE at the City of Calgary, in the Province of Alberta, on 2nd day of February 2006.	 ALBERTA ENERGY AND UTILITIES BOARD
ATCO Gas North Amendment to Riders “A” and “B” with respect to the City of Grande Prairie	Application No. 1422315

ATCO Gas North, a division of ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (ATCO Gas North) applied to the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (the EUB) for an Order approving an amendment to Rate Rider “A” (surcharge for a franchise fee). This allows the franchise fee in the City of Grande Prairie (the City) to be changed from 34.75 per cent to 25 per cent of the revenue of ATCO Gas North from the delivery of natural gas within the City, but excluding revenue derived from the cost of gas.

ATCO Gas North has also applied for a change to Rate Rider “B” which recovers municipal taxes. ATCO Gas North will provide an estimate of the municipal taxes to be collected for the City after the City completes the third reading of its by-law.

Notice of the application was published in conjunction with the Notice for the City’s application for renewal of its franchise agreement with ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. and no objections were received. ATCO Gas North has given the EUB consent to proceed with the application without a hearing.

The Board notes that these changes in rates result from the provisions included in the franchise agreement between the City of Grande Prairie and ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. which was approved in Order U2006-20 issued in conjunction with this order. The franchise fee provisions included in the Agreement allow the City to change the level of the franchise fee once annually within a cap of 35 per cent. Clause 4.c) of the Franchise Agreement includes a requirement for the City to publish notice prior to any change in the level of the fee.

The Alberta Energy and Utilities Board, pursuant to the *Gas Utilities Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c. G-5, hereby orders as follows:

1. Application No. 1422315 by ATCO Gas North dated October 6, 2005, is approved, subject to the terms and conditions herein contained.

2. The new rate for the City of Grande Prairie, as indicated on Rate Rider “A” attached as Schedule “A” to this Order, becomes effective upon the execution of the City’s Franchise Renewal Agreement with ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd.
3. The new rate for the City of Grande Prairie, as indicated on Rate Rider “B” attached as Schedule “B” to this Order, becomes effective upon the execution of the City’s Franchise Renewal Agreement with ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd.

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