

Misc Rates Non-Routine Order U2005-382

MADE at the City of Calgary, in the Province of Alberta, on 24th day of October 2005.	ALBERTA ENERGY AND UTILITIES BOARD
AltaGas Utilities Inc. Revision to Rate Rider 'E' - Unaccounted for Gas	Application No. 1423121

1 INTRODUCTION

On October 12, 2005, 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 1.03 percent to 1.08 percent effective November 1, 2005.

In addition to the determination of the Gas Cost Recovery Rate (GCRR), the UFG rate is used for recovery of line loss from all transportation end-use and retail transportation end-use customers. An annual UFG percentage is calculated each year based on the total throughput contributing to UFG. Rider 'E' represents the arithmetic average of the UFG percentages of the last five years. Details of the determination of the UFG rate are provided in Appendix I.

Due to the limited amount of time between the date of this filing and the effective period for the proposed November GCRR, AUI requested that this filing be handled as expeditiously as possible, in the interest of AUI's customers.

On October 14, 2005, the Board distributed Notice to all parties on the AltaGas Phase 1 GRA distribution list (Application #1378000), requesting parties to file objections or submissions in support of the Application by October 20, 2005. The Board received a letter of intervention from the Office of the Utilities Consumer Advocate (the UCA), wherein the UCA indicated that it was not opposed to the Application.

2 BOARD FINDINGS

The Board has reviewed the information provided by AltaGas in the Application. 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" as proposed by AltaGas. The adjusted Rider "E" replaces the rate approved by the Board in Order U2004-404, dated October 27, 2004.

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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 and transportation core market end-user rates for the recovery of Unaccounted for Gas, effective November 1, 2005.

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SCHEDULE "A"

Effective by Order U2005-382 On Transportation November 1, 2005 This Replaces Rider "E" Previously Effective November 1, 2004

ALTAGAS UTILITIES INC.

RIDER "E"

TO ALL TRANSPORTATION END-USER RATES AND TRANSPORTATION CORE MARKET END-USER RATES FOR THE RECOVERY OF UNACCOUNTED-FOR GAS

All Transportation End-Use and Transportation Core Market End-Use customers must supply at the Point(s) of Receipt 101.08% of the Gas Taken at the Point(s) of Delivery, or in the alternative, must pay the Company a sum equal to 1.08% of the number of GJ taken at the Point(s) of Delivery multiplied by the applicable Gas Cost Recovery Rate.

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APPENDIX I

ALTAGAS UTILITIES INC.

Determination of Unaccounted for Gas Rate Effective November 1, 2005

Unaccounted for Gas for the Year Ended May 31,	<u>Percentage</u>
2001	2.18
2002	0.96
2003	0.76
2004	0.73
2005	<u>0.76</u>
UFG rate (arithmetic average of the five years)	<u>1.08</u>

NOTE:

The unaccounted for gas percentage is calculated on the total throughput contributing to UFG.

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