

**DA2012-52**

February 28, 2012

AltaGas Utilities Inc.  
5509 - 45 Street  
Leduc, Alberta T9E 6T6Attention: Mrs. Jennifer Coleman, CMA  
Supervisor, Tariff and Compliance Filings**AltaGas Utilities Inc.  
Default Rate Tariff  
Gas Charge – March 2012  
Application No. 1608194**

1. AltaGas Utilities Inc. (AltaGas) submitted its monthly filing on February 23, 2012, to the Alberta Utilities Commission (the AUC or the Commission) for its proposed gas cost recovery rate (GCRR)<sup>1</sup> for the month of March 2012. The proposed GCRR was \$2.238 per gigajoule (GJ).
2. The AUC has reviewed the filing and accepts that the proposed GCRR was calculated on a monthly flow-through basis in accordance with Section 3(5) of the *Default Gas Supply Regulation*, AR 184/2003, as amended, and in accordance with the directions previously issued to gas utilities by the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board, predecessor to the AUC, in Decision 2001-75<sup>2</sup> and, more specifically to AltaGas, in Decision 2002-036.<sup>3</sup> Consequently, the AUC acknowledges for AltaGas the GCRR of \$2.238/GJ, as set out in Rate Rider “D”, which is to be applied to the energy sold to all sales service rates unless otherwise specified by specific contracts during the month of March 2012.
3. As directed in Decision 2001-75, interested parties will be provided with a 30-day review period following the filing of each monthly GCRR in which to raise any concerns with the GCRR, price and volume forecasts, and prior period reconciliations.

Derrick Ploof  
Director, Rates – Edmonton  
On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

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<sup>1</sup> This rate for marketable gas, also known as a gas cost flow-through rate (GCFR), is referred to as the gas charge under the *Default Gas Supply Regulation*, AR 184/2003, as amended.

<sup>2</sup> Decision 2001-75: Methodology for Managing Gas Supply Portfolios and Determining Gas Cost Recovery Rates (Methodology) Proceeding and Gas Rate Unbundling (Unbundling) Proceeding, Part A: GCRR Methodology and Gas Rate Unbundling, Application Nos. 2001040 and 2001093, Files 5680-1 and 5680-2, October 30, 2001.

<sup>3</sup> Decision 2002-036: AltaGas Utilities Inc. GCRR Methodology and Gas Rate Unbundling – Compliance Filing, Application No. 1258179, File 5628-43, March 21, 2002.