

THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

GAS UTILITIES ACT

ALBERTA ENERGY AND UTILITIES BOARD

IN THE MATTER of an amendment
to ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd.'s
Rider "A" with respect to the Town
of Rimbey

ORDER U2004-031

Application No. 1328967
File No. 6675-R05-1

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 Town of Rimbey (the Town) to be changed from 5.26 per cent of the gross revenue of ATCO Gas - North derived from the sale of natural gas within the Town to 24 per cent of the revenue of ATCO Gas - North from the delivery of natural gas within the Town, but excluding revenue derived from the cost of gas.

Notice of the application was published in conjunction with the Notice for the Town'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 EUB notes that these changes in rates result from the provisions included in the franchise agreement between the Town and ATCO Gas – North which was approved in Order U2003-030 issued in conjunction with this order. The franchise fee provisions included in the Agreement allow the Town 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 Town 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. 1328967 by ATCO Gas - North dated January 13, 2004, is approved, subject to the terms and conditions herein contained.
2. The new rate for the Town of Rimbey, as indicated on Rate Rider "A" attached as Schedule "A" to this Order, becomes effective upon the execution of the Town's Franchise Renewal Agreement with ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd.

DATED at the City of Edmonton, in the Province of Alberta, on February 10, 2004.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laurie Bayda". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name of the board.

ALBERTA ENERGY AND UTILITIES BOARD

SCHEDULE "A"

Effective With Decision 2003-082

On November 21, 2003

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**ATCO GAS AND PIPELINES LTD. - NORTH
RIDER "A" TO ALL RATES
AND ANY OTHER RATES THERETO**

The percentage shown is to be applied as an addition to the billings calculated under the Rates including charges as allowed under other Riders in effect.

<u>Municipality</u>		<u>Method</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Municipality</u>		<u>Method</u>	<u>%</u>
Edmonton	City	A	*22.70	Hughenden	Village	A	10.98
Red Deer	City	A	17.00	Hythe	Village	C	8.70
Camrose	City	A	22.00	Innisfree	Village	A	17.50
Fort McMurray	City	B	8.70	Irma	Village	C	5.26
Grande Prairie	City	A	34.75	Irma	Village	C	5.26
Lloydminster	City	B	7.00	Itaska	Summer Village	B	5.26
Spruce Grove	City	C	8.26	Jasper	Town	B	5.25
St. Albert	City	B	5.26	Kitscoty	Village	C	5.25
Wetaskiwin	City	C	8.27	Lacombe	Town	C	5.26
Alberta Beach	Summer Village	A	10.61	Lamont	Town	C	5.26
Alix	Village	C	6.75	Lavoy	Village	B	5.25
Amisk	Village	A	9.10	Legal	Village	C	5.26
Andrew	Village	C	9.00	Lougheed	Village	A	16.67
Bashaw	Town	B	5.25	Mannville	Village	C	5.26
Beaverlodge	Town	C	8.70	Mayerthorpe	Town	A	9.42
Bentley	Village	A	8.53	McLennan	Town	C	6.25
Berwyn	Village	C	7.25	Millet	Town	C	6.75
Bittern Lake	Village	A	17.68	Minburn	Village	A	15.00
Blackfalds	Town	B	5.26	Mirror	Village	A	12.60
Bon Accord	Town	C	8.70	Mundare	Town	C	5.00
Breton	Village	A	12.47	Nampa	Village	C	5.25
Bruderheim	Town	C	5.25	Onoway	Village	A	11.00
Caroline	Village	C	5.26	Oyen	Town	C	8.70
Chipman	Village	B	5.26	Peace River	Town	C	7.25
Clive	Village	B	5.25	Point Alison	Summer Village	C	5.26
Clyde	Village	A	9.47	Ponoka	Town	B	5.26
Cold Lake	Town	C	5.26	Provost	Town	A	11.00
Consort	Village	C	5.26	Rimbey	Town	A	24.00
Coronation	Town	A	10.05	Rocky Mtn. House	Town	C	5.26
Czar	Village	A	11.84	Rycroft	Village	C	5.25
Donnelly	Village	C	5.25	Ryley	Village	C	5.25
Drayton Valley	Town	B	6.26	Sangudo	Village	A	9.25
Eaglesham	Village	B	5.26	Seba Beach	Summer Village	B	6.00
Eckville	Town	C	5.26	Sexsmith	Village	C	5.25
Edgerton	Village	C	5.26	Sherwood Park	Unincorporated	B	6.00
Edson	Town	B	5.26	Silver Beach	Summer Village	B	5.26
Entwistle	Village	A	17.32	Slave Lake	Town	C	5.26
Fairview	Town	C	5.25	Spirit River	Town	A	24.00
Falher	Town	C	2.56	Stony Plain	Town	B	8.11
Fox Creek	Town	A	12.93	Swan Hills	Town	A	8.16
Gibbons	Town	C	8.70	Sylvan Lake	Town	B	5.26
Girouxville	Village	C	5.25	Thorsby	Village	A	11.69
Golden Days	Summer Village	B	5.26	Tofield	Town	C	7.00
Grand Centre	Town	C	3.00	Vegreville	Town	C	8.11
Grimshaw	Town	A	28.00	Vermilion	Town	C	5.26
Hardisty	Town	C	5.26	Veteran	Village	A	9.73
Hines Creek	Village	C	5.25	Viking	Town	C	5.25
Hinton	Town	B	5.26	Warburg	Village	A	8.83
Holden	Village	C	5.25	Whitecourt	Town	C	**5.26

Method:

- A. Applied to gross revenues excluding gas costs (Rider "F"), deemed value (Rider "E") and the company owned production rate rider (COPRR) (Rider "G").
- B. Applied to gross revenues including gas costs (Rider "F") from sales service rates.
- C. Applied to gross revenues including gas costs (Rider "F") and deemed value (Rider "E").

- * Includes a \$370,000 maximum annual allowable assessment (Max) on any individual metered account.
- ** The deemed value of natural gas is applied only to Customers using less than 300,000 GJs per year.