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1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (ATCO Gas) applied to the Alberta Utilities Commission (the AUC or the Commission) on April 19, 2011, for a decision approving an amendment to Rider “B”, which collects property taxes from customers in the Town of Spirit River (Spirit River) as a result of the franchise agreement that was being renewed between Spirit River and ATCO Gas.
2. The AUC published notice of application on the AUC website on April 28, 2011, and in the Central Peace Signal on May 3, 2011. Anyone with concerns or objections to the application was directed to file an objection with the AUC by May 17, 2011. The AUC has processed this application without further notice as no objections were received.
3. ATCO Gas requested that the franchise fee for Spirit River be maintained at 24.00 per cent of the delivery revenue of natural gas. In addition, ATCO Gas requested approval for the addition of Rider “B” to recover property taxes in Spirit River. ATCO Gas estimated Rider “B” to be 10.19 per cent and would collect an estimated annual amount of \$31,700.
4. The Commission notes that the requested approvals result from the provisions included in the franchise agreement between Spirit River and ATCO Gas which was approved in Decision 2011-221¹ and issued in conjunction with this decision. The Commission considers the corresponding changes to Rider “B” to be just and reasonable.
5. Therefore, pursuant to Section 36 of the *Gas Utilities Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c. G-5, the Commission approves Application No. 1607211 by ATCO Gas subject to the terms and conditions of the renewed franchise agreement.
 - (i) The new property tax rate for Spirit River as indicated on Rider “B”, attached as [Appendix 1](#) to this decision, becomes effective upon the execution of Spirit River’s franchise agreement with ATCO Gas. ATCO Gas shall file with the AUC a copy of the revised Rider “B” schedule on or before the date that the rate comes into effect.
 - (ii) Any changes in the level of the franchise fee rider are required to be filed with the AUC for acknowledgement prior to the implementation of the new franchise fee rate.

¹ Decision 2011-221: Town of Spirit River Franchise Agreement with ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd., Application No. 1607209, Proceeding ID No. 1173, May 24, 2011.

Dated on May 24, 2011.

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(original signed by)

Neil Jamieson
Commission Member

Appendix 1 – Rider "B" with respect to the Town of Spirit River

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Appendix 1 - Rider B

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Effective by AUC Decision
This Replaces Rider "B"
Previously Effective February 1, 2011

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

This Rider is applicable to Customers resident in municipalities that receive a property tax under the Municipal Government Act or receive payment for specific costs which are not generally incurred by the Company. This Rider is the estimated percentage of gross revenue required to provide for the tax payable or specific cost incurred each year. To the extent that this percentage may be more or less than that required to pay the tax or specific cost, the percentage of gross revenue provided in the Rider will be adjusted on the 1st of February each year.

The percentage is to be applied as an addition to the billings calculated under the Rates including charges as allowed under other Riders in effect with respect to the following municipalities:

<u>Municipalities</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Effective Date</u> <u>yymmdd</u>	<u>Municipalities</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Effective Date</u> <u>yymmdd</u>
Alberta Beach	3.40	11/02/01	Legal	3.80	11/02/01
Argentia Beach	1.00	11/02/01	Lloydminster	1.60	11/02/01
Bashaw	2.60	11/02/01	Mannville	3.90	11/02/01
Bentley	3.20	11/02/01	Mayerthorpe	4.70	11/02/01
Berwyn	7.00	11/02/01	Millett	2.90	11/02/01
Blackfalds	3.60	11/02/01	Minburn	4.50	11/02/01
Bon Accord	3.10	11/02/01	Mundare	4.30	11/02/01
Breton	3.70	11/02/01	Nampa	3.00	11/02/01
Bruderheim	3.00	11/02/01	Norglenwold	1.30	11/02/01
Camrose	2.70	11/02/01	Oneway	9.80	11/02/01
Caroline	2.10	11/02/01	Oyen	1.00	11/02/01
Clive	1.60	11/02/01	Paul Band First Nation	15.10	11/02/01
Clyde	5.40	11/02/01	Point Alison	2.70	11/02/01
Cold Lake	1.80	11/02/01	Ponoka	2.40	11/02/01
Coronation	7.90	11/02/01	Provost	3.80	11/02/01
Edgerton	2.30	11/02/01	Red Deer	2.60	11/02/01
Edmonton	4.10	11/02/01	Rycroft	4.70	11/02/01
Edson	4.60	11/02/01	Ryley	13.50	11/02/01
Entwistle	0.00	11/02/01	Seba Beach	1.60	11/02/01
Falher	3.90	11/02/01	Silver Beach	1.40	11/02/01
Fort McMurray 468 First Nation	6.10	11/02/01	Slave Lake	2.40	11/02/01
Fort Saskatchewan	1.50	11/02/01	<i>Spirit River</i>	<i>To be determined</i>	<i>To be determined</i>
Girouxville	5.10	11/02/01	Stony Plain	1.70	11/02/01
Golden Days	1.00	11/02/01	Stony Plain Indian Reserve	5.00	11/02/01
Grande Prairie	3.90	11/02/01	Swan Hills	5.30	11/02/01
Hardisty	3.50	11/02/01	Sylvan Lake	2.00	11/02/01
Hinton	2.00	11/02/01	Thorsby	8.20	11/02/01
Holden	12.60	11/02/01	Tofield	9.40	11/02/01
Innisfree	3.00	11/02/01	Vegreville	2.60	11/02/01
Irma	3.50	11/02/01	Vermilion	2.40	11/02/01
Itaska Beach	1.10	11/02/01	Veteran	5.90	11/02/01
Jarvis Bay	1.10	11/02/01	Viking	4.90	11/02/01
Jasper Municipality	2.60	11/02/01	Wabamun	5.70	11/02/01
Kitscoty	5.30	11/02/01	Warburg	3.90	11/02/01
Lacombe	2.10	11/02/01	Wembley	1.50	11/02/01
Lakeview	0.80	11/02/01	Wetaskiwin	3.80	11/02/01
Lamont	5.30	11/02/01	Whitecourt	1.90	11/02/01
Lavoy	2.60	11/02/01	Wood Buffalo (Ft McMurray)	0.80	11/02/01