



ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd.

**Amendment to Rider "B" with respect to the
Village of Duchess**

June 30, 2011

The Alberta Utilities Commission

Decision 2011-288: ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd.

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Application No. 1607351

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1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (ATCO Gas) applied to the Alberta Utilities Commission (the AUC or the Commission) on May 26, 2011, for a decision approving an amendment to Rider “B”, which collects property taxes from customers in the Village of Duchess (Duchess) as a result of the franchise agreement that was being renewed between Duchess and ATCO Gas.
2. The AUC published notice of application on the AUC website on June 1, 2011, and in the Brooks Bulletin on June 7, 2011. Anyone with concerns or objections to the application was directed to file an objection with the AUC by June 21, 2011. The AUC has processed this application without further notice as no objections were received.
3. ATCO Gas requested that the franchise fee for Duchess be maintained at 12.67 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 Duchess. ATCO Gas estimated Rider “B” to be 4.03 per cent and would collect an estimated annual amount of \$6,790.
4. The Commission notes that the requested approvals result from the provisions included in the franchise agreement between Duchess and ATCO Gas which was approved in Decision 2011-287¹ 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. 1607351 by ATCO Gas subject to the terms and conditions of the renewed franchise agreement.
 - (i) The new property tax rate for Duchess as indicated on Rider “B”, attached as [Appendix 1](#) to this decision, becomes effective upon the execution of Duchess’ 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 2011-287: Village of Duchess Franchise Agreement with ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd., Application No. 1607350, Proceeding ID No. 1251, June 30, 2011.

Dated on June 30, 2011.

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(original signed by)

Neil Jamieson
Commission Member

Appendix 1 – Rider "B" with respect to the Village of Duchess

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Appendix 1 - Rider B

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Effective _____ by Decision 2011-____
This Replaces Rider "B"
Previously Effective May 13, 2011

**ATCO GAS AND PIPELINES LTD. – SOUTH
ATCO GAS – SOUTH AND ATCO PIPELINES - SOUTH
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 yymmdd</u>	<u>Municipalities</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Effective Date yymmdd</u>
Ardrie	2.30	11/02/01	Redwood Meadows (Siksika)	9.60	11/02/01
Banff Town	0.10	11/02/01	Rosemary	4.60	11/02/01
Bassano	3.00	11/02/01	Stavely	1.70	11/02/01
Bow Island	4.70	11/02/01	Stirling	1.90	11/02/01
Brooks	3.70	11/02/01	Strathmore	1.30	11/02/01
Canmore	2.90	11/02/01	Taber	3.60	11/02/01
Cardston	3.80	11/02/01	Trochu	5.10	11/02/01
Carmangay	4.40	11/02/01	Turner Valley	5.30	11/02/01
Carstairs	2.30	11/02/01	Vulcan	3.00	11/02/01
Champion	2.50	11/02/01			
Claresholm	2.80	11/02/01			
Coaldale	3.50	11/05/13			
Coutts	4.50	11/02/01			
Crowsnest Pass	4.40	11/02/01			
Didsbury	3.30	11/02/01			
<i>Duchess</i>	<i>To be determined</i>	<i>To be determined</i>			
Elnora	2.80	11/02/01			
Foremost	3.20	11/02/01			
Gratum	6.50	11/02/01			
Hill Spring	5.10	11/02/01			
Linden	5.40	11/02/01			
Lomond	3.60	11/02/01			
Milk River	5.70	11/02/01			
Nanton	4.30	11/02/01			
Nobleford	0.40	11/02/01			
Olds	2.30	11/02/01			
Penhold	3.40	11/02/01			
Raymond	4.30	11/02/01			