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ATCO GAS SOUTH AMENDMENT TO RIDERS “A” AND “B” WITH RESPECT TO THE VILLAGE OF CHAMPION

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1. ATCO Gas South, a division of ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (ATCO Gas South) applied to the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC or the Commission) for a Decision approving an amendment to Rider “A” (surcharge for a franchise fee). This allows the franchise fee in the Village of Champion (the Village) to be changed from 15.01 percent of the gross revenue of ATCO Gas inclusive of the deemed value of natural gas delivered to its customers within the Village, to 15.00 percent of the revenue of ATCO Gas South derived only from the non-gas portion of its customer’s bills within the Village.
2. ATCO Gas South has also applied for a change to Rider “B” which recovers municipal taxes. ATCO Gas South will provide an estimate of the municipal taxes to be collected for the Village after the Village completes the third reading of its by-law.
3. The AUC notes that these changes in rates result from the provisions included in the franchise agreement between the Village of Champion and ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. which was approved in Decision 2010-022 issued in conjunction with this Decision. The franchise fee provisions included in the Agreement allow the Village to change the level of the franchise fee once annually within a cap of 35 percent. Clause 4 (c) of the Franchise Agreement includes a requirement for the Village to publish notice prior to any change in the level of the fee.
4. The AUC, pursuant to the *Gas Utilities Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c. G-5, hereby orders as follows:
 - (i) Application No. 1605405 by ATCO Gas South dated August 27, 2009 is approved, subject to the terms and conditions herein contained.
 - (ii) The new rate for the Village of Champion as indicated on Rate Rider “A” attached as [Appendix 1](#) to this Decision, becomes effective upon the execution of the Village’s Franchise Renewal Agreement with ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd.
 - (iii) The new rate for the Village of Champion, as indicated on Rate Rider “B” attached as [Appendix 2](#) to the Decision, becomes effective upon the execution of the Village’s Franchise Renewal Agreement with ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd.
 - (iv) ATCO Gas South shall file with the AUC a copy of the revised Rider “B” Municipal Assessment Surcharge before the date that the rate comes into effect.
 - (v) Any changes in the level of the franchise fee riders are required to be filed with the AUC for acknowledgement prior to the implementation of the new franchise fee rate.

Dated in Calgary, Alberta on January 12, 2010

ALBERTA UTILITIES COMMISSION

(original signed by)

Thomas McGee
Commissioner

APPENDIX 1 – RIDER “A” WITH RESPECT TO THE VILLAGE OF CHAMPION

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Appendix 1 - Rider A

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Effective by Decision
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This Replaces Rider "A"
Previously Effective March 1, 2009

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

All charges under the Rates, including any charges under other Riders, to Customers situated within the communities listed on this Rider "A" are subject to the addition of the percentage shown. 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.

Method A. - Applied to gross revenues excluding Rider "G" and the Market Value portion of Rider "H".

Method C. - Applied to gross revenues and Rider "E".

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Method</u>	<u>Municipality</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Method</u>	<u>Municipality</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Method</u>
Calgary**	11.11	C	Claresholm	10.00	A	Lomond	20.00	A
Lethbridge	32.30	A	Coaldale	11.30	A	Longview	16.00	A
Acme	20.00	A	Coalhurst	12.44	A	Magrath	11.18	A
Airdrie	29.60	A	Cochrane	23.00	A	Milk River	30.00	A
Banff	31.20	A	Coutts	20.00	A	Nanton	13.00	A
Banff Park	5.25	C	Cowley	13.79	A	Nobleford	0.00	A
Barnwell	13.00	A	Cremona	27.00	A	Okotoks	5.25	C
Barons	14.97	A	Crossfield	11.23	A	Olds	27.50	A
Bassano	20.00	A	Crowsnest Pass	15.00	A	Penhold	18.00	A
Beiseker	11.18	A	Delburne	21.60	A	Picture Butte	6.00	C
Big Valley	5.26	C	Didsbury	20.00	A	Raymond	5.00	A
Black Diamond	14.00	A	Duchess	12.67	A	Rockyford	28.00	A
Bow Island	10.50	A	Elnora	16.00	A	Rosemary	14.78	A
Bowden	22.00	A	Foremost	21.00	A	Standard	11.34	A
Brooks	18.00	A	Fort Macleod	12.50	A	Stavely	11.18	A
Burdett	11.18	A	Glenwood	5.26	C	Stirling	5.00	A
Canmore	22.10	A	Granum	8.50	A	Strathmore	11.18	A
Carbon	15.07	A	High River	13.00	A	Taber *	5.26	C
Cardston	15.00	A	Hill Spring	21.52	A	Trochu	14.20	A
Carmangay	15.97	A	Hussar	13.74	A	Turner Valley	10.00	A
Carstairs	25.00	A	Innisfail	5.26	C	Vauxhall	5.26	C
Champion	15.00	A	Irricana	11.18	A	Vulcan	15.00	A
			Linden	15.23	A			

* Includes a \$75,000 maximum annual allowable assessment on any individual metered account.

** Exemption available on Rider "E" portion of natural gas feedstock quantities used by an electrical generation plant whose primary fuel source is natural gas, for the commercial sale of electricity or used by a district energy plant for combined heat and power production, if deemed by the City of Calgary to be a qualifying facility.

APPENDIX 2 – RIDER “B” WITH RESPECT TO THE VILLAGE OF CHAMPION

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Appendix 2 - Rider B

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**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:

Banff
Siksika Nation
Bow Island
Foremost
Rosemary
Turner Valley
Canmore
Elnora
Linden
Brooks
Granum
Trochu
Claresholm
Lomond
Nanton
Bassano
Milk River
Nobleford
Didsbury
Olds
Carstairs
Airdrie
Cardston
Penhold
Raymond
Coutts
Crowsnest Pass
Vulcan
Stirling
Champion