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**ATCO GAS SOUTH  
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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 Hill Spring (the Village) to be changed from 21.52 percent to 5.00 percent of the revenue of ATCO Gas South from the delivery of natural gas within the Village, but excluding revenue derived from the cost of gas.
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. Notice of the application was published in conjunction with the Notice for the Village’s application for renewal of its franchise agreement with ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. and no objections were received. ATCO Gas South has given the AUC consent to proceed with the application without a hearing.
4. The AUC notes that these changes in rates result from the provisions included in the franchise agreement between the Village of Hill Spring and ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. which was approved in Decision 2010-052 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.
5. The AUC pursuant to the *Gas Utilities Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c. G-5, hereby orders as follows:
  - (i) Application No. 1605514 by ATCO Gas South dated October 6, 2009 is approved, subject to the terms and conditions herein contained.
  - (ii) The new rate for the Village of Hill Spring as indicated on 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 Hill Spring as indicated on Rider “B” attached as [Appendix 2](#) to this 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 “A” and Rider “B” Municipal Assessment Surcharge before the date 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 25, 2010

**ALBERTA UTILITIES COMMISSION**

*(original signed by)*

Thomas McGee  
Commissioner

## **APPENDIX 1 – RIDER "A" WITH RESPECT TO THE VILLAGE OF HILL SPRING**

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Appendix 1 - Rider A

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## **APPENDIX 2 – RIDER “B” WITH RESPECT TO THE VILLAGE OF HILL SPRING**

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Appendix 2 - Rider B

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Effective by Decision  
On Consumption  
This Replaces Rider "A"  
Previously Effective July 28, 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	12.00	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	<b>Hill Spring</b>	<b>5.00</b>	<b>A</b>	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	15.01	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.

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Previously Effective March 1, 2009

**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  
**Hill Spring**