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ATCO GAS NORTH AMENDMENT TO RIDER "A" WITH RESPECT TO THE HAMLET OF SHERWOOD PARK

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- 1. ATCO Gas North, a division of ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (ATCO Gas North) applied to the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC or the Commission) for a Decision approving an amendment to the Rider "A" franchise fee percentage for the Hamlet of Sherwood Park. The amendment reflects both a change in the calculation methodology and a change in the franchise fee percentage. The calculation of the franchise fee will change from being based on the gross revenue of ATCO Gas North derived from the sale of natural gas within Sherwood Park to the revenue of ATCO Gas North, excluding revenue derived from the cost of gas. The percentage has also changed from 6.50 percent to 22.0 percent. The franchise fee percentage for Firm Service Delivery customers will continue to be 0.00 per cent.
- 2. Notice of the application was published on April 23, 2010 in the Sherwood Park Strathcona County News and originally posted on the AUC website on April 6, 2010. The AUC did not receive any objections to the Franchise Agreement. ATCO Gas North has given the AUC consent to proceed with the application without a public hearing.
- 3. The AUC notes that these changes in rates result from the provisions included in the Franchise Agreement between Strathcona County and ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. which was approved in Decision 2010-220 issued in conjunction with this Decision. The franchise fee provisions included in the Franchise Agreement allow Strathcona County to change the level of the franchise fee once per year within a cap of 35.00 percent. Article 4 (c) of the Franchise Agreement includes a requirement for Strathcona County to publish notice prior to any change in the percentage 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. 1605639 by ATCO Gas North dated November 20, 2009 is approved, subject to the terms and conditions herein contained.
 - (ii) The new rate for Strathcona County as indicated on Rider "A" attached as Appendix 1 to this Decision becomes effective upon the execution of Strathcona County's Franchise Renewal Agreement with ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd.
 - (iii) ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. shall file with the AUC a copy of the revised Rider "A" including its effective date before the date the rate comes into effect.

(iv) Any changes in the level of the franchise fee riders, including the implementation date, are to be filed with the AUC for acknowledgement prior to the implementation of the new franchise fee rate.

Dated on May 20, 2010.

ALBERTA UTILITIES COMMISSION

(original signed by)

Thomas McGee Commissioner

APPENDIX 1 – RIDER "A" WITH RESPECT TO THE HAMLET OF SHERWOOD PARK

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Effective by Decision On Consumption This Replaces Rider "A" Previously Effective October 23, 2009

ATCO GAS AND PIPELINES LTD. – NORTH ATCO GAS – NORTH AND ATCO PIPELINES - NORTH 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.

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

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>%</u>	Method	Municipality	<u>%</u>	Method	<u>Municipality</u>	<u>%</u>	Method
Edmonton *	32.00	Α	Eaglesham	5.26	С	Minburn	15.00	Α
Red Deer	31.00	Α	Eckville	24.00	Α	Mirror	12.60	Α
Camrose	15.00	Α	Edgerton	15.00	Α	Mundare	20.00	Α
Fort McMurray	8.70	С	Edson***	20.00	Α	Nampa	16.84	Α
Ft Saskatchewan	0.00	Α	Entwistle	17.32	Α	Onoway	5.00	Α
Grande Prairie	25.00	Α	Fairview	21.63	Α	Oyen	30.00	Α
Lloydminster	25.00	Α	Falher	15.00	Α	Peace River	7.25	С
Spruce Grove	8.26	С	Fox Creek	12.93	Α	Point Alison	15.00	Α
St. Albert	5.26	С	Gibbons	30.00	Α	Ponoka	17.00	Α
Wetaskiwin	35.00	Α	Girouxville	20.00	Α	Provost	14.00	Α
Alberta Beach	10.61	Α	Golden Days	25.00	Α	Rimbey	24.00	Α
Alix	20.00	Α	Grimshaw	28.00	Α	Rocky Mtn. House	22.00	Α
Amisk	9.10	Α	Hardisty	20.00	Α	Rycroft	15.00	Α
Andrew	9.00	С	Hines Creek	30.00	Α	Ryley	5.00	Α
Bashaw	15.00	Α	Hinton ***	9.60	Α	Seba Beach	6.00	С
Beaverlodge	8.70	С	Holden	0.00	Α	Sexsmith	25.00	Α
Bentley	0.00	Α	Hughenden	10.98	Α	Sherwood Park**	22.00	Α
Berwyn	20.00	Α	Hythe	8.70	С	Silver Beach	20.00	Α
Bittern Lake	17.68	Α	Innisfree	25.00	Α	Slave Lake	22.50	Α
Blackfalds	19.12	Α	Irma	20.00	Α	Spirit River	24.00	Α
Bon Accord	25.00	Α	Itaska	12.00	Α	Stony Plain	17.00	Α
Breton	12.47	Α	Jasper Muni	17.10	Α	Swan Hills	0.00	Α
Bruderheim	10.00	Α	Jasper Ntl Park	17.10	Α	Sylvan Lake	20.00	Α
Caroline	20.00	Α	Kitscoty	10.00	Α	Thorsby	11.69	Α
Chipman	0.00	Α	Lacombe	22.00	Α	Tofield	10.00	Α
Clive	16.17	Α	Lamont	35.00	Α	Vegreville	33.00	Α
Clyde	9.47	Α	Lavoy	16.61	Α	Vermilion	15.00	Α
Cold Lake	13.00	Α	Legal	16.60	Α	Veteran	3.00	Α
Consort	22.00	Α	Lougheed	16.67	Α	Viking	21.51	Α
Coronation	10.05	Α	Mannville	20.00	Α	Warburg	10.00	Α
Czar	11.84	Α	Mayerthorpe	5.00	Α	Wembley	25.00	Α
Donnelly	30.00	Α	McLennan	24.00	Α	Whitecourt ***	19.00	Α
Drayton Valley***	22.00	Α	Millet	22.00	Α			

^{*} Includes a \$485,000 maximum annual allowable assessment (Max) on any individual metered account.

^{**} FSD customers at 0.00%

^{***} Includes a \$10, 000 maximum annual allowable assessment (Max) on any individual metered account.