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# ATCO GAS NORTH AMENDMENT TO RIDERS "A" AND "B" WITH RESPECT TO THE VILLAGE OF ALBERTA BEACH Decision 2010-255 Application No. 1606141

- 1. ATCO Gas North, a division of ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. applied to the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) for a Decision approving an amendment to the Rider "A" and Rider "B" schedules, which recover franchise fees and municipal taxes respectively from customers in the Village of Alberta Beach (Alberta Beach).
- 2. ATCO Gas North requested that the franchise fee for Alberta Beach be changed from 10.61 percent to 6.91 percent of the revenue of ATCO Gas North based on delivery revenues. With municipal taxes being collected as a rider, ATCO Gas North has added Alberta Beach to the Rider "B" schedule. The estimated Rider "B" percentage was 3.70 percent. This estimate would be updated once Alberta Beach completed the third reading of its By-law approving these changes.
- 3. Notice of the application was published in the Lac Ste. Anne Bulletin on May 24, 2010 and on the AUC website on May 7, 2010. The AUC did not receive any objections to the application, and will continue to process this application without further process as indicated in the notice.
- 4. The AUC notes that requested approvals result from the provisions included in the franchise agreement between Alberta Beach and ATCO Gas North, which was approved in Decision 2010-254 issued in conjunction with this decision. The franchise fee provisions included in the Agreement allow Alberta Beach to change the level of the franchise fee once annually within a cap of 35.00 percent. Clause 4 (c) of the Franchise Agreement includes a requirement for Alberta Beach 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. 1606141 by ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. dated April 29, 2010 is approved, subject to the terms and conditions of the Franchise Agreement.
  - (ii) The new rate for Alberta Beach, as indicated on Rider "A" attached as Appendix 1 to this Decision becomes effective upon the execution of Alberta Beach's Franchise Renewal Agreement with ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd.
  - (iii) The Rider "B" schedule is attached as Appendix 2 to this Decision and becomes effective upon the execution of Alberta Beach's Franchise Agreement with ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd.

- (iv) ATCO Gas North shall file with the AUC a copy of the revised Rider "A" Franchise Fee and the Rider "B" Municipal Assessment Surcharge before the date the rate comes into effect.
- (v) Any change in the level of the franchise fee riders, including the implementation date, requires filing for acknowledgement with the AUC prior to the implementation of the new franchise fee rate.

Dated on June 8, 2010.

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(original signed by)

Thomas McGee Commissioner

## APPENDIX 1 – RIDER "A" WITH RESPECT TO THE VILLAGE OF ALBERTA BEACH

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### APPENDIX 2 – RIDER "B" WITH RESPECT TO THE VILLAGE OF ALBERTA BEACH

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Effective By Decision On Consumption This Replaces Rider "A" Previously Effective January 1, 2010

#### 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 | <b>Municipality</b> | <u>%</u> | Method |
|---------------------|----------|--------|-----------------|----------|--------|---------------------|----------|--------|
| Edmonton *          | 32.00    | Α      | Eaglesham       | 5.26     | С      | Minburn             | 15.00    | Α      |
| Red Deer            | 32.00    | 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             | 16.00    | Α      |
| Alberta Beach       | 6.91     | 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       | 6.50     | С      |
| Berwyn              | 20.00    | Α      | Hythe           | 8.70     | С      | Silver Beach        | 20.00    | Α      |
| Bittern Lake        | 17.68    | Α      | Innisfree       | 25.00    | Α      | Slave Lake          | 24.50    | Α      |
| Blackfalds          | 35.00    | 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.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Includes a \$10, 000 maximum annual allowable assessment (Max) on any individual metered account.

Effective By Decision On Consumption This Replaces Rider "B" Previously Effective February 22, 2010

#### 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:

Fort Saskatchewan

Wabamun

Wembley

Stony Plain Indian Reserve Paul Band Indian Reserve

Fort McMurray No. 468 First Nation Band

Jarvis Bay Norglenwold Argentia Beach Lakeview Hinton

Sylvan Lake Breton Bashaw Bentley Vermilion Blackfalds Edgerton Bruderheim Nampa Tofield

Camrose Lamont Minburn Clive Lacombe Onoway Falher Mundare Girouxville

Gilouxville
Golden Days
Ryley
Warburg
Ponoka
Millet
Stony Plain
Provost
Itaska Beach

Viking

Hardisty Vegreville Rycroft Irma Bon Accord Mannville

Berwyn Holden Mayerthorpe Silver Beach Kitscoty Caroline Cold Lake Grande Prairie Red Deer

Edson

Fort McMurray Municipality of Jasper

Swan Hills
Veteran
Whitecourt
Point Alison
Wetaskiwin
Oyen
Lloydminster
Slave Lake
Innisfree
Coronation

Lavoy Entwistle Alberta Beach