



AltaGas Utilities Inc.

2009 Interim Refundable Rates
Rate Schedules

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1 INTRODUCTION

1. On February 20, 2009, AltaGas Utilities Inc. (AUI) filed an application (Application) with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC or the Commission). The Application included 2009 interim refundable rate schedules reflecting Decision 2009-024¹ and to be implemented March 1, 2009. The Application also included updated Tables 1 and 3 from Application No. 1598641² showing the 2009 interim rate adjustment and details of the rate changes by rate class and rate component.

2. On February 23, 2009, the Commission issued a Notice of Application. Any party wishing to intervene in the proceeding was required to file a Statement of Intention to Participate (SIP) by February 25, 2009. The Commission received one SIP from the Consumers' Coalition of Alberta (CCA). The CCA did not object to the application and submitted that the computation of the 12.070% across the board increase, effective March 1, 2009, is consistent with the method approved in AUC Decision 2009-024.

3. The Commission considers the record for the proceeding closed on February 25, 2009.

2 DETAILS OF THE APPLICATION AND COMMISSION FINDINGS

4. The interim refundable rates represent a 12.070 % increase to be implemented in an across-the-board fashion and to recover \$3,454,898 between March and December, 2009. This increase recovers 50% of the 2009 revenue deficiency filed in the 2008/2009 Phase 1 General Tariff Application Update Filing³ adjusted for the change in AUI's rates that took effect November 1, 2008.⁴

5. The Commission is in agreement with the assessment of the CCA that the computation of the 12.070 % across the board rate charge effective March 1, 2009 in the rate schedules filed in the Application is consistent with the method approved by the Commission in Decision 2009-024.

¹ Decision 2009-024, *AltaGas Utilities Inc. 2009 Interim Refundable Rates* (Application No. 1598641) (Released: February 11, 2009)

² Application No. 1598641, ID 145, *AltaGas Utilities Inc. 2009 Interim Refundable Rates*, dated December 10, 2008

³ AUI 2008/2009 GTA Phase 1 (Application No. 1579247, ID 88) Forecast Update Filing, October 10, 2008

⁴ Decision 2008-103, *AltaGas 2007 Deficiency Rider, Interim Refundable Rates and Standard Contribution – Rural Other* (Application No. 1575162) (Released: October 21, 2008)

3 ORDER

6. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- (1) The 2009 Interim Rates of AltaGas Utilities Inc., attached to this Decision as Appendix 2 and filed with the Application, are approved on an interim basis effective March 1, 2009.

Dated in Calgary, Alberta on February 27, 2009.

ALBERTA UTILITIES COMMISSION

(original signed by)

Anne Michaud
Acting Commissioner

APPENDIX 1 – PROCEEDING PARTICIPANTS

Name of Organization (Abbreviation) Counsel or Representative (APPLICANTS)
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Alberta Utilities Commission
Commission Panel A. Michaud, Chair
Commission Staff V. Slawinski (Commission Counsel) P. Howard C. Burt M. McJannet

**APPENDIX 2 – ALTAGAS UTILITIES INC. 2009 INTERIM REFUNDABLE RATES
SCHEDULES EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2009**



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RATE NO. 1	SMALL GENERAL SERVICE
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Description:

Available to all customers except those customers who do not purchase their total natural gas requirements from the Company or who utilize the Company's facilities only for standby, peaking or emergency services.

Charges:

Fixed Charge:

Base	\$ 0.712/Day
Default Supply Provider Administration Fee	\$ 0.066/Day

Variable Energy Charge:

Base	\$ 1.467/GJ
Gas Cost Recovery	Rate Rider "D"
Third Party Transportation	Rate Rider "G"

The minimum daily charge will be the Fixed Charge.

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RATE NO. 2	LARGE GENERAL SERVICE (OPTIONAL)
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Description:

Available to all customers except those customers who do not purchase their total natural gas requirements from the Company or who utilize the Company's facilities only for standby, peaking or emergency services.

Charges:

Fixed Charge:

Base	\$ 11.851/Day
Default Supply Provider Administration Fee	\$ 0.066/Day

Variable Energy Charge:

Base	\$ 0.835/GJ
Gas Cost Recovery	Rate Rider "D"
Third Party Transportation	Rate Rider "G"

The minimum daily charge will be the Fixed Charge.

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RATE NO. 3	DEMAND/COMMODITY GENERAL SERVICE (OPTIONAL)
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Description:

Available to all customers except those customers who do not purchase their total natural gas requirements from the Company or who utilize the Company's facilities only for standby, peaking or emergency services.

Charges:

Demand Charge \$ 0.217/Day/GJ
of Billing Demand

Fixed Charge:

Base \$19.751/Day
Default Supply Provider Administration Fee \$ 0.066/Day

Variable Energy Charge:

Base \$ 0.019/GJ
Gas Cost Recovery Rate Rider "D"
Third Party Transportation Rate Rider "G"

The minimum daily charge will be the Demand Charge and Fixed Charge.

Determination of Billing Demand:

The Billing Demand shall be the greater of:

1. 100 GJ, or
2. The Contract Demand, or
3. The greatest amount of gas (GJ) delivered in any consecutive 24-hour period during the current and preceding eleven billing periods provided that the greatest amount of gas delivered in any 24 consecutive hours in the summer period (April 1 to October 31, inclusive) shall be divided by 2.

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RATE NO. 4	IRRIGATION PUMPING SERVICE (OPTIONAL)
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Description:

Available only to customers for the use of natural gas as a fuel for engines pumping irrigation water from **April 1 to October 31**, inclusive.

Charges:

	<u>April 1 to October 31</u>
Fixed Charge:	
Base	\$ 1.494/Day
Default Supply Provider Administration Fee	\$ 0.066/Day
Variable Energy Charge:	
Base	\$ 1.296/GJ
Gas Cost Recovery	Rate Rider "D"
Third Party Transportation	Rate Rider "G"

The minimum daily charge will be the Fixed Charge.

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RATE NO. 6	STANDBY, PEAKING, AND EMERGENCY SERVICE
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Description:

Available only at the option of the Company.

Charges:

Demand Charge \$ 0.217/Day/GJ
of Billing Demand

Fixed Charge:

Base \$ 19.751/Day
Default Supply Provider Administration Fee \$ 0.066/Day

Variable Energy Charge 1.3 times the Variable Base Charge of Rate No. 3
plus the greater of:
(a) 1.3 times the GCRR; or
(b) 1.3 times the actual cost of gas purchased

The minimum daily charge will be the Demand Charge and Fixed Charge.

Determination of Billing Demand:

The Billing Demand shall be the greater of:

1. 100 GJ, or
2. The Contract Demand, or
3. The greatest amount of gas (GJ) delivered in any consecutive 24-hour period during the current and preceding eleven billing periods provided that the greatest amount of gas delivered in any 24 consecutive hours in the summer period (April 1 to October 31, inclusive) shall be divided by 2.

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RATE NO. 11	SMALL GENERAL SERVICE FOR RETAILER
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Description:

Distribution service is available to retailers under contract for the delivery of retail supply.

Charges:

Fixed Charge:

Base \$ 0.712/Day

Variable Energy Charge:

Base \$ 1.467/GJ
Third Party Transportation Rate Rider "G"

The minimum daily charge will be the Fixed Charge.
This service is not available for standby, peaking or emergency services.

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RATE NO. 12	LARGE GENERAL SERVICE (OPTIONAL) FOR RETAILER
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Description:

Distribution service is available to retailers under contract for the delivery of retail supply.

Charges:

Fixed Charge:

Base \$ 11.851/Day

Variable Energy Charge:

Base \$ 0.835/GJ
Third Party Transportation Rate Rider "G"

The minimum daily charge will be the Fixed Charge.
This service is not available for standby, peaking or emergency services.

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RATE NO. 13	DEMAND/COMMODITY GENERAL SERVICE (OPTIONAL) FOR RETAILER
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Description:

Distribution service is available to retailers under contract for the delivery of retail supply.

Charges:

Demand Charge \$ 0.217/Day/GJ
of Billing Demand

Fixed Charge:

Base \$ 19.751/Day

Variable Energy Charge:

Base \$ 0.019/GJ
Third Party Transportation Rate Rider "G"

The minimum daily charge will be the Demand Charge and Fixed Charge.

Determination of Billing Demand:

The Billing Demand shall be the greater of:

1. 100 GJ, or
2. The Contract Demand, or
3. The greatest amount of gas (GJ) delivered in any consecutive 24-hour period during the current and preceding eleven billing periods provided that the greatest amount of gas delivered in any 24 consecutive hours in the summer period (April 1 to October 31, inclusive) shall be divided by 2.

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RATE NO. 14	IRRIGATION PUMPING SERVICE (OPTIONAL) FOR RETAILER
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Description:

Distribution service is available to retailers under contract for the delivery of retail supply. Available to retailers only for the use of natural gas as a fuel for engines pumping irrigation water from **April 1 to October 31**, inclusive.

Charges:

	<u>April 1 to October 31</u>
Fixed Charge:	
Base	\$ 1.494/Day
Variable Energy Charge:	
Base	\$ 1.296/GJ
Third Party Transportation	Rate Rider "G"

The minimum daily charge will be the Fixed Charge.
This service is not available for standby, peaking or emergency services.

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