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- 1. AltaGas Utilities Inc. (AltaGas) filed an application (Application) on April 24, 2009, with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) requesting approval of its gas cost recovery rate<sup>1</sup> (GCRR) for the month of May 2009. The proposed GCRR was \$1.851 per gigajoule (GJ).
- 2. In accordance with section 3(5) of *Default Gas Supply Regulation*, AR 184/2003, the GCRR must be calculated on a monthly flow through basis, as determined by the AUC.
- 3. AUC staff members have reviewed the Application, and the AUC considers that the proposed GCRR was determined in accordance with the directions previously issued to gas utilities by the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board, predecessor to the AUC, in Decision 2001-75,<sup>2</sup> and, more specifically to AltaGas, in Decision 2002-036.<sup>3</sup> Consequently, the AUC approves for AltaGas the GCRR of \$1.851/GJ, as set out in Rate Rider "D", which is to be applied to the energy sold to all sales service rates unless otherwise specified by specific contracts during the month of May 2009.
- 4. As directed in Decision 2001-75, interested parties will be provided with a 30-day review period following the filing of each monthly GCRR in which to raise any concerns with the GCRR, price and volume forecasts, and prior period reconciliations.

Dated in Calgary, Alberta on April 30, 2009.

#### **ALBERTA UTILITIES COMMISSION**

(original signed by)

N. Allen Maydonik, Q.C. Commissioner

This rate for marketable gas, also known as a gas cost flow-through rate (GCFR), is referred to as the gas charge under the *Default Gas Supply Regulation*, AR 184/2003

Decision 2001-75 – Methodology for Managing Gas Supply Portfolios and Determining Gas Cost Recovery Rates (Methodology) Proceeding and Gas Rate Unbundling (Unbundling) Proceeding, Part A: GCRR Methodology and Gas Rate Unbundling (Applications 2001040 and 2001093, Files 5680-1 and 5680-2) (Released: October 30, 2001)

Decision 2002-036 – AltaGas Utilities Inc. GCRR Methodology and Gas Rate Unbundling – Compliance Filing (Application 1258179, File 5628-43) (Released: March 21, 2002)