



AltaGas Utilities Inc.

Unaccounted-For Gas – Rate Rider 'E'

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1 INTRODUCTION

1. On August 25, 2009 AltaGas Utilities Inc. (AUI) filed an application (Application) with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC or the Commission) requesting approval of an adjustment to increase Rate Rider ‘E’ (Rider ‘E’), Unaccounted-For Gas (UFG) by 0.04 percent, from 0.82 percent to 0.86 percent, effective November 1, 2009. Rider ‘E’ is attached as [Appendix 1](#) to this Decision.

2. On August 26, 2009 a Notice of Application (Notice) was issued electronically by the Commission. The Notice advised interested parties that, in order to intervene in the Application, a Statement of Intent to Participate (SIP) must be submitted by September 9, 2009. SIPs were received from BP Canada Energy Company and the Consumers’ Coalition of Alberta. Neither SIP identified specific support of or objection to the Application.

2 BACKGROUND

3. AUI stated in the Application that in addition to the determination of the Gas Cost Recovery Rate and the Third Party Transportation Rate Rider, Rider ‘E’ is used for determining UFG as defined in AUI’s Terms and Conditions of Service. Rider ‘E’ is used for the recovery of line loss that is shared among all transportation end use customers. A UFG percentage is calculated each year based on AUI’s annual throughput. Rider ‘E’ represents the arithmetic average of the actual UFG percentages of the past five years. Details regarding the determination of the UFG rate, provided in Schedule B to the Application, are attached as Appendix 1 to this Decision. AUI stated that no change is proposed to the existing approved methodology.

3 DECISION

4. Alberta Energy and Utilities Board Order [U2007-297](#),¹ issued on October 31, 2007 in response to AUI’s proposal to adjust Rider ‘E’ from 0.73 percent to 0.74 percent effective November 1, 2007, directed that in the future, AUI’s UFG applications must be submitted at least 45 days prior to the effective date of the rider, assuming that the applications contained nothing contentious. The Commission considers that there are no contentious matters in the Application, and finds that AUI has complied with the 45 day minimum filing requirement.

¹ Alberta Energy and Utilities Board Order U2007-297 – AltaGas Utilities Inc. - Application to Adjust Unaccounted-For Gas - Rider ‘E’ (Application No. 1529466) (Issued October 31, 2007).

5. The Commission notes that for the purposes of this Application the UFG rate in Rider ‘E’ was determined in the same manner previously approved by Public Utilities Board Decision E90057.² The Commission also notes that no parties objected to the Application. The Commission therefore finds the adjustment to be appropriate and approves the adjustment to Rate Rider ‘E’ from 0.82 percent to 0.86 percent as proposed by AUI.

4 ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- (1) Rider ‘E’, as set out in Appendix 1 attached to and forming part of this Decision, is hereby fixed and approved as the rate to be applied to all transportation end-user rates for the recovery of Unaccounted-For Gas, effective November 1, 2009.

Dated in Calgary, Alberta on October 6, 2009.

ALBERTA UTILITIES COMMISSION

(original signed by)

Carolyn Dahl Rees
Vice-Chair

² Decision E90057- ICG Utilities (Alberta) Ltd. – Application to Approve New Rates, Charges or Schedules for Natural Gas Supplied and Services Rendered to its Customers in Alberta for the Years 1989 and 1990 (Issued October 10, 1990). The Public Utilities Board was the predecessor to the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board, which was the predecessor to the Commission.

APPENDIX 1 – UNACCOUNTED-FOR GAS RATE RIDER ‘E’



Appendix 1 - Rate
Rider 'E'

(consists of 2 pages)

Schedule A

RATE RIDER 'E'	UNACCOUNTED-FOR GAS
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FOR THE DETERMINATION OF UNACCOUNTED-FOR GAS

The Unaccounted-For Gas Rate Rider shall be used in the calculation of the Gas Cost Recovery Rate Rider 'D', the Third Party Transportation Rate Rider 'G', and to determine the amount of Unaccounted-For Gas as defined in AltaGas Utilities Inc.'s terms and conditions of service.

Unaccounted-For Gas Rider:..... 0.86%

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 1, 2009	REPLACING RATE EFFECTIVE: December 1, 2008	Page 1 of 2 RIDER 'E'
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Schedule B**AltaGas Utilities Inc.
Determination of Unaccounted-for Gas Rate Rider Percentage
2009/2010****Unaccounted-For Gas Percentages for the Years Ended May 31:**

1.	2005	0.76%
2.	2006	0.43%
3.	2007	1.01%
4.	2008	1.17%
5.	2009	<u>0.93%</u>
6.	Five-Year Average	<u>0.86%</u>