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Decision 2009-286 Application No. 1605259

- 1. ATCO Gas North, a division of ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (ATCO Gas North) applied to the Alberta Utilities Commission (the AUC or Commission) for a Decision approving the addition of the Hamlet of Entwistle (the Hamlet) to Rider "B" to recover municipal taxes.
- 2. Notice of the application was published in conjunction with the Notice for the Hamlet's application for renewal of its franchise agreement with ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. and no objections were received. ATCO Gas North has given the AUC consent to proceed with the application without a hearing.
- 3. The AUC notes that this change in rates result from the provisions included in the franchise agreement between Parkland County and ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. which was approved in Decision 2009-285 issued in conjunction with this Decision. The franchise fee provisions included in the Agreement allow the County to change the level of the franchise fee once annually within a cap of 35 percent. Clause 4 (c) of the Franchise Agreement includes a requirement for the County to publish notice prior to any change in the level 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. 1605259 by ATCO Gas North dated July 14, 2009 is approved, subject to the terms and conditions herein contained.
  - (ii) The new rate for the Hamlet of Entwistle, as indicated on Rider "B" attached as Appendix 1 to this Decision, becomes effective upon the execution of the County's Franchise Renewal Agreement with ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd.
  - (iii) ATCO Gas North shall file with the AUC a copy of the revised Rider "B" Municipal Assessment Surcharge before the date that the rate comes into effect.
  - (iv) Any changes in the level of the franchise fee riders are required to be filed with the AUC for acknowledgement prior to the implementation of the new franchise fee rate.

Dated in Calgary, Alberta on December 24, 2009

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(original signed by)

Thomas McGee Commissioner

# APPENDIX 1 – RIDER "B" WITH RESPECT TO THE HAMLET OF ENTWISTLE

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Effective By Order U2008-109 On Consumption September 3, 2008 This Replaces Rider "B" Previously Effective July 1, 2008

#### 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 Wemblev

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

Falher Mundare
Girouxville
Golden Days
Ryley
Warburg
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