

# **ATCO Gas**

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#### 1 BACKGROUND

On January 27, 2006, the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (Board) issued Decision 2006-004 (the Decision), dealing with Phase I of the 2005-2007 General Rate Application filed on May 13, 2005 by ATCO Gas (AG), a division of ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd.

The Board notes that the Decision contained several inadvertent errors or omissions. Accordingly, this Errata Decision is issued to rectify the errors and omissions of Decision 2006-004, which is considered to be amended as described.

#### 2 ERRORS AND OMISSIONS

In order to correct certain errors and omissions in the Decision, the following corrections and additions indicated in boldface are made to the Decision.

## 2.1 Reference: Section 2.3.2 Salt Cavern Peaking Working Gas

The Decision states, at page 38:

To maintain consistency between these two decisions, the Board directs AG to revise its method of calculating NWC to reflect a mid-year balance using the actual cost of gas in storage opening balance as of January 1, 2005 and zero at year end (December 31, 2005) for ATCO Pipelines to obtain a mid-year amount to establish the NWC. The Board considers by allowing both AG and ATCO Pipelines the mid-year calculation to determine the NWC requirement for Salt Cavern Peaking Gas, there will not be a double-counting of the NWC requirements. AG is also directed to provide its revised calculation of the NWC for the Salt Cavern Peaking Gas for 2005 and to update its Compliance filing to reflect this amount.

The first sentence of this statement is amended so as to reference AG:

To maintain consistency between these two decisions, the Board directs AG to revise its method of calculating NWC to reflect a mid-year balance using the actual cost of gas in storage opening balance as of January 1, 2005 and zero at year end (December 31, 2005) for AG to obtain a mid-year amount to establish the NWC.

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#### 2.2 Reference: Section 4.4.5 Table 20

Table 20 appears at page 72 of the Decision. Under the 2004 Actual Column, line Facilities Management, the amount shown is 4613.

This amount is amended to \$613.

# 2.3 Reference: Section 4.4.7 Transportation Service Charges

The Decision states, at page 75:

The Board acknowledges that AG does not have control over the demand rate for transportation service charged by ATCO Pipelines and that the demand rate is set in the ATCO Pipelines GRA. Consequently, to deal with the uncertainty of the transportation charge from ATCO Pipelines, AG applied for and, in Section 9.11 of this Decision, the Board dealt with AG's request to initiate a deferral account for transportation charges.

The second sentence of this statement is amended to correct the section number reference:

Consequently, to deal with the uncertainty of the transportation charge from ATCO Pipelines, AG applied for and, in **Section 9.10** of this Decision, the Board dealt with AG's request to initiate a deferral account for transportation charges.

#### 2.4 Reference: Section 8.2 Carbon Revenue Forecast

The Decision states, at page 93:

With respect to AIPA's concern, the Board agrees that the existing COSRR of \$0.32/GJ for Rates 5 and 18 should be changed to reflect the current rate of \$0.45/GJ. Therefore, effective February 1, 2006, the Board directs AG to adjust the 2006 COSRR for Rates 5 and 18 to \$0.45/GJ on an interim basis to bring Rate Rider I within the scope of the directions contained in Order U2005-133.

The second sentence of this statement is amended to strike the reference to the year 2006, as follows:

With respect to AIPA's concern, the Board agrees that the existing COSRR of \$0.32/GJ for Rates 5 and 18 should be changed to reflect the current rate of \$0.45/GJ. Therefore, effective February 1, 2006, the Board directs AG to adjust the **COSRR for Rates 5 and 18** to \$0.45/GJ on an interim basis to bring Rate Rider I within the scope of the directions contained in Order U2005-133.

#### 2.5 Reference: Section 9.10 Deferral Accounts

Section 4.4.7 of the Decision, as amended above, refers to Section 9.10 with respect to the establishment of a deferred account for transportation charges from ATCO Pipelines. The language approving this account was inadvertently omitted from section 9.10 of the Decision at page 113. Accordingly, a portion of Section 9.10 of the Decision shall be amended to read as follows:

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AG requested approval for new deferral accounts for the following matters:

- Variable Pay Program;
- the difference between the amounts due and the actual amounts collected from defaulting retailers after realization of security deposits;
- funding assessments for the Utilities Consumer Advocate;
- the Government of Alberta Consumer Protection and Customer Choice Campaign;
- non-Carbon production abandonment and removal costs for the South, similar to the account that is currently in place in the North; **and**
- transportation service charges from ATCO Pipelines.

Dated in Calgary, Alberta, on February 24, 2006.

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