

THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

GAS UTILITIES ACT

ALBERTA ENERGY AND UTILITIES BOARD

IN THE MATTER of an amendment
to ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd.'s
Rider "A" with respect to the Town
of Black Diamond

ORDER U2000-235

Application No. 2000188

File No. 6675-B17-1

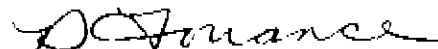
ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (ATCO Gas) applied to the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (EUB) for an Order approving an amendment to Rate Rider "A" (surcharge for a franchise fee). This allows the franchise fee in the Town of Black Diamond (the Town) to be increased from 5.26 per cent of the gross revenue of ATCO Gas derived from the sale of natural gas to its customers within the Town to 14 per cent of the revenue of ATCO Gas from the delivery of natural gas within the Town, but excluding revenue derived from the cost of gas. The Town accepts this payment in lieu of taxing the special franchise, lands, buildings, improvements, pipelines, works, machinery, equipment and apparatus owned or used by ATCO Gas in the exercise of the franchise and related operations within the Town.

Notice of the application was published in conjunction with the Notice for the Town's application for renewal of its franchise agreement with ATCO Gas and no objections were received. ATCO Gas has given the EUB consent to proceed with the application without a hearing.

The Alberta Energy and Utilities Board, pursuant to the *Gas Utilities Act*, R.S.A. 1980, c. G-4, hereby orders as follows:

1. Application No. 2000188 by ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. dated May 31, 2000, is approved, subject to the terms and conditions herein contained.
2. The new rate for the Town of Black Diamond, as indicated on Rate Rider "A" attached as Schedule "A" to this Order, becomes effective upon the execution of its Franchise Renewal Agreement with ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd.

DATED at the City of Edmonton, in the Province of Alberta, on July 6, 2000.



ALBERTA ENERGY AND UTILITIES BOARD

SCHEDULE "A"

ATCO GAS AND PIPELINES LTD.
RIDER "A" TO ALL RATES
AND ANY OTHER RIDER THERETO

Additions to be made to the Rate of customers resident in municipalities that have agreed to accept payment of a percentage of gross revenue of the special franchise pursuant to Section 360, Chapter M-26.1 of The Municipal Government Act, Alberta, in lieu of a property tax assessed pursuant to that Act.

The percentage shown is to be applied as an addition to the total billings calculated under the Rates including charges allowed under other Riders in effect.

	Franchise			Franchise			Franchise	
	Tax	Method		Tax	Method		Tax	Method
Calgary	11.11	C	Claresholm	5.25	B	Lomond	5.26	C
Lethbridge	11.11	C	Coaldale	5.26	B	Longview	5.26	B
			Coalhurst	5.26	B	Magrath	11.18	A
Acme	5.26	B	Cochrane	5.26	C	Milk River	5.26	C
Airdrie	7.50	C	Coutts	5.26	B	Nanton	5.25	B
Banff	5.29	C*	Cowley	5.26	C	Nobleford	5.26	C
Banff Park	5.25	B	Cremona	5.26	C	Okotoks	5.25	B
Barnwell	5.26	B	Crossfield	11.23	A	Olds	6.00	C
Barons	5.26	B	Crowsnest Pass	5.26	C	Penhold	5.26	C
Bassano	5.26	C	Delburne	5.26	C	Picture Butte	5.26	C
Beiseker	5.26	B	Didsbury	5.26	C	Raymond	11.18	A
Big Valley	5.26	C	Duchess	5.26	B	Rockyford	5.26	C
Black Diamond	14.00	A	Elnora	5.26	B	Rosemary	5.26	B
Bow Island	5.26	B	Foremost	5.26	C	Standard	5.26	B
Bowden	5.26	C	Fort Macleod	5.26	C	Stavely	5.26	B
Brooks	5.25	B	Glenwood	5.26	C	Stirling	5.26	B
Burdett	11.18	A	Granum	5.25	B	Strathmore	5.26	B
Canmore	5.26	B	High River	5.26	B	Taber	5.26	C
Carbon	5.26	B	Hill Spring	5.26	B	Trochu	5.26	B
Cardston	5.26	C	Hussar	5.26	B	Turner Valley	5.26	B
Carmangay	5.26	B	Innisfail	5.26	C	Vauxhall	5.26	C
Carstairs	5.26	C	Irricana	11.18	A	Vulcan	5.26	B
Champion	5.26	B	Linden	5.26	C			

Method

- A. Applied to gross revenues excluding gas costs (Rider "F") and deemed value (Rider "E").
- B. Applied to gross revenues including gas costs (Rider "F") from sales service rates.
- C. Applied to gross revenues including gas costs (Rider "F") and deemed value (Rider "E").

* Rider "B" included