

Notice

**Notice of Application
City of Spruce Grove
Application No. 1605799**

Take Notice that the Alberta Utilities Commission (the AUC or Commission) may continue to process this application without further notice if no valid objections are received on or before **March 5, 2010**.

Nature of the application:

An application has been filed with the AUC by the City of Spruce Grove (Spruce Grove) for approval to renew its special franchise agreement with ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (ATCO Gas). The proposed franchise agreement gives ATCO Gas an exclusive right to deliver natural gas to the residents of Spruce Grove for a period of 10 years.

The agreement has been based on a standard natural gas franchise agreement commonly used in the province. Some of the noteworthy changes from the current agreement include a change in responsibility for utility relocation costs caused by municipal purposes, provision of extra services, options for purchase of the distribution system by the municipality, and provisions respecting third party use of the distribution system.

The agreement will continue to require ATCO Gas to pay Spruce Grove a franchise fee based on 8.26 per cent of ATCO Gas' delivery and deemed value of natural gas revenue. In 2010 the fee will account for about \$89.50 of the yearly bill.

Additional information:

A copy of Application No. 1605799 is available for viewing through the *Application Search Service* that can be accessed on the *E-Filing Services* link on the home page of the AUC website www.auc.ab.ca or by clicking on the following link:

https://www.auc.ab.ca/eub/dds/iar_query/ApplicationAttachments.aspx?AppNumber=1605799

To obtain additional information or a paper copy of the application, contact the applicant at:

Spruce Grove of Spruce Grove
315 Jespersen Ave
Spruce Grove, Alberta T7X 3E8
Attention: Mr. Glen Jarbeau, Finance Manager
Telephone: 780-962-7613, Fax: 780-962-2526

- or -

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd.
P.O. Box 2426
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 2V6
Attention: Mr. Nathan Carter, Manager, Capital Region
Telephone: 780-420-7500, Fax 780-420-5784

For information about AUC procedures contact Jennifer Vollmer, Rates Division, at the number listed below.

To file a submission:

Any party with concerns respecting Application No. 1605799 should submit a Statement of Intent to Participate (SIP) letter setting out your name or organization name, address or legal land description, telephone number and email address (if available).

Please note that the SIP submission must contain:

- a description of the nature of the party's interest in the proceeding (i.e. how the party will be affected by the Commission's decision); and
- a statement describing the party's eligibility for cost recovery in light of the "business interest" rule contained in section 3 of the *AUC Rules on Intervener Costs*.

One copy of your SIP letter should be directed to the applicant using the contact information above and one copy submitted to the AUC.

Pursuant to section 13 of the *AUC Rules of Practice*, all documents filed in respect of this proceeding, including any submissions or other documents filed prior to the commencement of the proceeding, must be placed on the public record unless otherwise ordered by the Commission, subject to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Your SIP letter and any other documents you file will be accessible to the public and all other participants in the proceeding through the AUC's website. Please ensure that the document you file is free of information that you do not want to appear on a public record.

Electronic copies of the SIP letters can be directed to:

E-mail: filings@auc.ab.ca

Subject: Application Number 1605799

Paper copies can be sent to:

Jennifer Vollmer, Rates Division

Alberta Utilities Commission

10055 - 106 Street, 10th Floor

Edmonton, Alberta T5J 2Y2

Telephone: 780-427-4903; Fax: 780-427-6970; email: jennifer.vollmer@auc.ab.ca

The AUC may grant the application without further process if no bonafide objections are filed by persons or organizations considered by the AUC to be directly or adversely affected by the proposal.

Issued on February 19, 2010

Alberta Utilities Commission

Doug A. Larder, Q.C., General Counsel