

Notice of Applications

**Town of Manning
Franchise Renewal Agreement
Application No. 1606358**

**ATCO Electric Ltd.
Rate Rider A-1
Application No. 1606359**

On July 14, 2010, ATCO Electric Ltd. (ATCO Electric) filed an application on behalf of the Town of Manning (Manning) with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC or Commission) for approval to renew their electric franchise agreement with ATCO Electric. In conjunction with this application ATCO Electric also applied to amend Rate Rider A-1, to collect the proposed changes to the franchise fee.

Anyone with concerns or objections to the applications should file an objection with the AUC by **August, 18, 2010**. If no objections are received by this date, the AUC will process the applications without further notice.

Nature of the applications:

The franchise renewal agreement, based on a standard electric franchise agreement, gives ATCO Electric the exclusive right to deliver electricity to the residents of Manning for 10 years. Changes from the current franchise agreement include a change in responsibility for utility relocation costs caused by municipal purposes, provision of any extra services as determined by Manning, options for purchase of the distribution system by the municipality, and provisions respecting third party use of the distribution system.

The current franchise agreement includes a franchise fee based on delivery revenues and in lieu of municipal taxes. Manning is proposing to decrease the franchise fee from 7.50 per cent to 6.00 per cent of delivery revenues with the addition of municipal taxes. Municipal taxes and franchise fees are recovered through customer rates as a separate utility charge on customer billings.

The combination of the changes to the franchise fee and addition of municipal taxes will increase the annual billing for an average residential customer by approximately \$3.00. An average residential customer uses about 625 kilowatt hours (kWh) per month.

The franchise renewal agreement allows Manning to increase the level of the franchise fee at its own discretion on an annual basis, without review by the AUC to a maximum of 20.00 per cent. If the maximum franchise fee was implemented, the annual franchise fee and municipal tax

charges for an average residential customer would increase by approximately \$119.50.

ATCO Electric has also applied to the AUC for approval to revise Rate Rider A-1 so the franchise fee and municipal tax costs can be recovered from customers within Manning.

Additional information:

Copies of the applications are available through the home page of the AUC website at www.auc.ab.ca by selecting the applications link, followed by retrieving the application through the current applications link by entering one of the application numbers or by using the following URLs:

Franchise renewal agreement application:

https://www.auc.ab.ca/eub/dds/iar_query/ApplicationAttachments.aspx?AppNumber=1606358

Rate Rider A-1 application:

https://www.auc.ab.ca/eub/dds/iar_query/ApplicationAttachments.aspx?AppNumber=1606359

To obtain additional information or a paper copy of the applications, contact the applicants at:

Town of Manning
PO Box 125
Manning, Alberta T0H 2M0
Attention: Mr. John Brodrick, Chief Administrative Officer
Telephone: 780-836-3606 Fax: 780-836-3570

- or -

ATCO Electric Ltd.
PO Box 2426 10035 105 Street
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 2V6
Attention: Mr. Pat Sloan, Community Development
Telephone: 780-420-7130 Fax: 780-420-7400

To file an objection:

If you have concerns respecting the applications submit a letter of objection to the AUC containing the following:

- your name or organization name;
- address and/or legal land description;
- phone number and email address (if available); and
- a description of the objection.

Please email your letter of objection to:

Email: filings@auc.ab.ca; jbrodrick@manning.ca; and facilityapp@atcoelectric.com

Subject: Applications 1606358 and 1606359

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act:

Subject to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, all documents filed in this application, including any documents filed prior to the start of the application, must be placed on the public record. Also, your written objections and any other documents you file will be accessible to the public through the Proceeding Search on the AUC website. Please ensure that any document you file is free of information that you do not want to appear on a public record. If you do not want your document or part thereof placed on the public record, you must apply to the Commission under section 13 of the *AUC Rule 001: Rules of Practice* for a confidentiality order **before** you file your document.

Electronic submissions are preferred, when possible, however paper copies can be sent to:

Paul Dmytruk, AUC Rates Division

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