

## Consultation for Development of an AUC NGSSC November 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting Summary

<b>Meeting Date</b>	November 2, 2010	<b>Time</b>	1:00 to 3:30 pm
<b>Location</b>	<u>Videoconference AUC Offices</u> 10th Floor, 10055 - 106 St., Edmonton 4th Floor, 425 1st St. SW, Calgary <u>Teleconference</u> Phone: 1-866-792-1318 Conference code: 8665992	<b>Facilitator</b>	AUC Staff

### 1 Introductions

Name	Company
Rob Thomas	AUC
Ben Whyte	AUC
Anne Glass	AUC
Lisa Lemish	EPCOR Energy Alberta Inc. (EEAI)
Jennifer Coleman	AltaGas Utilities Inc. (AUI)
Chad Crossland	AltaGas Utilities Inc. (AUI)
Kathy McCollum	ATCO Gas
Ralph Trovato	ATCO Gas
Jim Wachowich	CCA
Jane Gauthier	UCA
Paul Gellela	ENMAX Energy
Lori Harnack	Cognera Corp.
David Hayes	Nexen
Corinne Severson	Direct Energy
Ngan Duong	Just Energy

### 2 Review of September 30<sup>th</sup> meeting summary

- Second draft of the September 30<sup>th</sup> meeting summary (distributed to the group on November 1<sup>st</sup>) was accepted as final draft by the group.

### 3 Review of AltaGas Utilities Inc. (AUI)'s processes relative to ATCO Gas NGSSC

- AUI explained that it does not estimate daily consumption amounts.
- AUI indicated that AUI and ATCO have different naming conventions for their riders, so references to Rider D, for example, in ATCO Gas' NGSSC would need to be changed to Unaccounted For Gas (UFG) in the AUC NGSSC.
- AUI explained that it does not provide daily backcasts, nor do they settle daily. The group discussed why ATCO Gas had moved to daily settlement. ATCO Gas indicated that it was the right thing to do, since they must balance supply and consumption on a daily basis. There was discussion among the other parties that, when monthly settlement was used by ATCO Gas or is used by AUI, the default supply pays to bring the pipe into balance daily while the other retailers settled monthly. The group explored whether or not it would be possible to quantify the cost of this for AUI's default supply.

While the cost is hard to pin down, it was agreed that if AUI could provide a spreadsheet of the daily volumes for that past year that they had to buy and sell to bring the pipes into balance, the group at least could get a sense of the effect of the combination of monthly settlement in an environment of daily purchasing of gas.

**Action:** AUI to prepare a spreadsheet of daily volumes bought and sold to bring the pipe into balance over the past year.

- AUI pointed out that Sections 10 and 11 of the ATCO Gas NGSSC describe ATCO Gas' processes relating to meter data management and reporting. AUI's processes are different from those described for ATCO Gas. Various options were discussed, including outlining both ATCO Gas' and AUI's processes equally, moving both sets of processes to an appendix or removing most of the material to the Terms and Conditions of both companies. ATCO Gas pointed out that it was the retail community that pushed them to include it in the document at the time. Other parties remembered this but thought that possibly, now that there are two companies involved, it may make sense to only include the material that is more generic in nature. AUC recommended that AUI, ATCO Gas and AUC meet independently of the overall group to decide what should be included in these sections.

**Action:** AUI, ATCO Gas and AUC to meet immediately following the conclusion of this meeting to discuss what to include in Sections 10 and 11.

#### 4 Next steps

- AUC to draft revisions to ATCO Gas' NGSSC and, upon completion, circulate to the group (by January 13<sup>th</sup>) and schedule a meeting (January 20) to review the draft and AUI's volume data.

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### Sections 10 and 11 Meeting Summary

- Discussion about the purpose of the corresponding sections in the electricity settlement system code (Rule 021).
- The group also discussed meter reading minimum standards and what would be reasonable. ATCO Gas currently attempts to read every site monthly, while for AUI it is every second month.
- Rather than attempt to set a standard now that would be required by both AUI and ATCO Gas, the group decided to not include any minimum requirements in the NGSSC at this time. The AUC will monitor meter reading performance through the reporting required by AUC Rule 002: *Service Quality and Reliability Performance Monitoring and Reporting for Owners of Electric Distribution Systems and for Gas Distributors*. Once some history is established, AUC will define minimum standards in future versions of the NGSSC.
- The group decided to create clarity about what is an approved meter read, and whether or not to include customer reads in that category. Since both AUI and ATCO Gas use customer reads to generate meter reads, customer reads will continue to be included in the list of what constitutes an approved meter read, but the stipulation that it be only up to 5 months will be removed.
- The corresponding section to Section 11 in Rule 021, defines the compliance monitoring role of the ISO and the reports that the LSAs and MDMs must provide to the ISO. Since there is no equivalent compliance monitoring body in the gas model, and since both AUI and ATCO Gas will be reporting under Rule 002 starting 2011, the group decided that Section 11 should be removed.