



- At the same time as the separation of the rules into parts, consultation would take place to make desired changes to the rules.

### 3 Discussion

- One retailer stated that they would like the AUC rule to have a post-final settlement adjustment mechanism (PFAM) process for errors that are a significant percentage of their overall book. AUC recommended that this change wait until the consultation processes that will occur after the rule is already an AUC Rule.
- An agent for a number of retailers suggested that the transactions be put into an appendix, just like what occurred with the electricity SSC. The AUC agreed to make that change at this stage.
- Another retailer indicated that the most important change for them would be AltaGas Utilities Inc. (AUI) complying with the settlement part of the ATCO Gas NGSSC. AUI became compliant with the transaction part on June 26 when it also became Tariff Bill Code compliant. By not following the same settlement practices as ATCO Gas, retailers must implement special processes (both manual and automated) to market to customers in AUI's territory. Without forcing AUI to be compliant with the settlement part, this retailer would be hesitant to market to residential customers in AUI's service area.
- CCA expressed concern over the dollars that would be required by AUI to do this.
- UCA stated that residential customers expected to be able to sign up with retailers in AUI's territory after AUI became Tariff Bill Code compliant (June 26<sup>th</sup>) but retailers are still unwilling to market to residential customers there. Residential customers in AUI's territory are frustrated by this and want to be able to sign competitive contracts.
- Retailers were questioned as to whether or not AUI following the same settlement practices as ATCO Gas would be enough to make them decide to market to residential customers in AUI's service territory. Retailers responded that it would make a difference, but they were unwilling to commit that it would make all the difference so that they would then proceed with marketing in AUI's territory. One retailer did state that it is continuously re-evaluating the business case of whether or not to market in AUI's territory.
- AUC requested that AUI go through the ATCO Gas NGSSC and identify all those pieces where:
  - AUI is currently operating in a way that matches what ATCO Gas has in its NGSSC.
  - AUI is currently operating in a way that is different from the ATCO Gas NGSSC, but changing would not require much effort.
  - AUI is currently operating in a way that is different from the ATCO Gas NGSSC, and changing would require much effort and, therefore, expense.

**Action:** AUI to perform the analysis of each area of ATCO Gas' NGSSC and identify the impacts as to no change, small change or big change and report to the group by the end of October.

- Other than the question of how to proceed with AUI, the only remaining issue was whether or not there were any other minor changes required to be made to ATCO Gas' NGSSC before adopting it to make an AUC rule. The group confirmed that no other minor changes are required.

### 4 Next steps

- The group will meet again early November to allow time for AUI to perform the review of the impacts to their operation.