

Notice of application to be filed for approval of the natural gas distribution franchise agreement between the Village of Bittern Lake and ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd.

Application summary

The Alberta Utilities Commission expects to receive an application from ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. to approve the existing current and valid natural gas distribution franchise agreement with the Village of Bittern Lake. This application for approval is required due to changes made by the *Utilities Affordability Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*, to various statutes governing franchise agreements.

The current franchise agreement, which took effect in August of 2021, grants ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. the exclusive right to deliver natural gas to the residents of Village of Bittern Lake for approximately ten years.

No changes to the franchise agreement or to the franchise fee rate rider percentage are being made as part of this application. The franchise fee rate rider percentage will remain at its current rate, which is 10%. Including linear taxes, the resulting average monthly franchise fee for an average residential customer will remain the same at approximately \$10.00. The franchise fee is calculated based on distribution charges. An average residential customer uses about 105 gigajoules per year.

You may send your concerns about, objections to, or support for the application in writing to the Village of Bittern Lake or to ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. on or before **October 24, 2024** at:

Village of Bittern Lake, Attn: Jill Tinson, Chief Administrative Officer, PO Box 5, 300 Railway Ave, Bittern Lake, AB. T0C 0L0, phone: 780-672-7372; email: cao@villageofbitternlake.ca

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd., Attn: Franchise Agreement Coordinator, 5302 Forand Street S.W. Calgary, Alberta, T3E 8B4, phone: 310-5678 or 1-888-511-7550; email: franchisecoordinatorgas@atco.com

Any submissions received, unless you request otherwise, will be part of the application submitted and will become part of the public record.

For more information on franchises or to receive a copy of the franchise agreement please contact either the Village of Bittern Lake or ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. at the addresses listed above.

For more information:

For more information about the AUC or its approval process associated with franchise applications, please contact the AUC directly at 310-4AUC or at info@auc.ab.ca.

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