

# Notice of application to be filed for approval to amend franchise fee for Village of Bittern Lake and ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd.

## Application summary

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. will file an application with the Alberta Utilities Commission, requesting acknowledgement of the new franchise fee of 9% for the Village of Bittern Lake.

The current franchise fee of 8% will change to 9%, effective February 1, 2026. The franchise fee percentage is applied to the distribution tariff, which typically consists of both distribution and transmission charges. Based on the average monthly residential consumption of 8.75 gigajoules (GJs) of natural gas, the average monthly franchise fee paid by an average residential customer is expected to increase to approximately \$4.65.

The franchise fee is charged in accordance with the franchise agreement between the Village of Bittern Lake and ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd., which was approved by the Commission in Decision 29602-D01-2024. The franchise fee is collected by ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. and remitted to the Village of Bittern Lake.

You may send your objections, concerns about, or support for the application in writing to the Village of Bittern Lake or to ATCO on or before **December 11, 2025** at:

Village of Bittern Lake, Jill Tinson, Box 5, 300 Railway Ave, Bittern Lake, Alberta  
T0C 0L0 phone: 780-672-7373 email: [cao@villageofbitternlake.ca](mailto:cao@villageofbitternlake.ca).

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd., Attn: Franchise Coordinator, 5302 Forand St. S.W.  
Calgary, Alberta, T3E 8B4; email: [franchisecoordinatorgas@atco.com](mailto:franchisecoordinatorgas@atco.com).

Except for information designated confidential by the Commission, any information or materials, including personal information, that are provided as part of a Commission proceeding will become part of the public record.

If no submissions are received, or if submissions are received from a party not directly affected, or if submissions are frivolous, vexatious or of little merit, the Commission may render a decision on the application without further notice or without a public hearing.

## For more information

For more information on how to file a submission, please contact the Commission directly at 310-4282 (in Alberta) or 1-833-511-4282 (outside Alberta), or by email at [info@auc.ab.ca](mailto:info@auc.ab.ca). An

information package, providing an explanation of the process and assistance on how to participate in the proceeding, will be immediately provided to any person who inquires with the Commission.

For a paper copy of the franchise agreement, please contact either the municipality or the applicant via the contact information provided above.

The Alberta Utilities Commission is an independent, quasi-judicial regulatory body responsible for making decisions about utility-related applications.

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