

# Notice of application to be filed for approval to renew the franchise agreement between the Town of Bow Island and ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd.

## Application summary

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. will file an application with the Alberta Utilities Commission, requesting approval to renew its franchise agreement with the Town of Bow Island.

The franchise agreement will continue to grant ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. the right to deliver natural gas to residents of Bow Island. The franchise agreement is proposed to be effective on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, and expire on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2035. The existing franchise agreement was previously approved by the Commission in Disposition 29709-D01-2024.

The franchise agreement renewal includes a franchise fee to be collected by ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. and remitted to the Town of Bow Island. The proposed franchise fee is 20%, which is an increase from the existing franchise fee of 17%. 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, and including linear taxes, the average monthly franchise fee paid by an average residential customer is expected to increase from \$9.61 to \$11.02.

You may send your objections, concerns about, or support for the application in writing to the Town of Bow Island or to ATCO on or before **April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025** at: 4:00pm.

Town of Bow Island, Dave Matz, 403-545-2522 email: [townoffice@bowisland.com](mailto:townoffice@bowisland.com)

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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Alberta Utilities Commission