

November 24, 2021

Disposition 26989-D01-2021

Irv Richelhoff
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Dear Irv Richelhoff:

**Apex Utilities Inc.
 Rider A Amendment for Village of Donalda - Effective January 1, 2022
 Proceeding 26989**

Acknowledgment of franchise fee change

1. The Alberta Utilities Commission received your filing for information purposes dated November 23, 2021, of the amendment to the Apex Utilities Inc. franchise fee Rate Rider A. The application identified a franchise fee change for the Village of Donalda effective January 1, 2022:

Municipality	Franchise fee percentage	Effective Date
Village of Donalda	15%	Existing/Current
	16%	January 1, 2022

2. The Village of Donalda notified customers of the change in the franchise fee through publication of a notice in the East Central Review on November 4 to November 18, 2021. This satisfies the requirement as the notice were published 45 days prior to the implementation date. No concerns or objections were received from the public in response to the notice.

3. Additionally, the Village of Donalda has the ability to revise the franchise fee on an annual basis pursuant to Clause 5(b) of the Standard Natural Gas Distribution System Franchise Agreement. The Commission agreed with the ability to increase the franchise fee on an annual basis in Disposition 24796-D01-2019.¹

4. The revised Rate Rider A schedule is attached as [Appendix 1](#).

5. The Commission acknowledges this filing for information purposes.

¹ Disposition 24796-D01-2019: AltaGas Utilities Inc. and Village of Donalda, Franchise Agreement and Rate Rider A, Proceeding 24796, July 31, 2019.

6. The Commission may, within 60 days of the date of this disposition and without notice, correct typographical, spelling and calculation errors and other similar types of errors and post the corrected disposition on its website.

Yours truly,

Chris Arnot
Acting Director, Retail Energy and Water
On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

Attachment: Appendix 1 – Revised Rider A schedule

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Appendix 1 -
Revised Rider A sche
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RATE RIDER A	FRANCHISE TAX RIDERS
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Municipalities

Additions to be made to the rates of customers resident in municipalities that have agreed to accept a percentage of gross revenue of the special franchise tax in lieu of a property tax pursuant to Section 360 of the *Municipal Government Act, 1994, c. M-26.1* (previously Section 14(7) and 14(8) of the *Municipal Taxation Act*).

The percentage shown is to be applied as an addition to the total billings calculated.

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Rate (%)</u>	<u>Decision/Order</u>	<u>Effective Date¹ (yyyy-mm-dd)</u>
Hairy Hill	Two Hills	Village	5.00	E95078	1999-01-01
Radway	Westlock	Village	3.00	E90046	1998-03-01

¹ Any bill rendered after this date is subject to the corresponding rate.

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Métis Settlements

Additions to be made to the rates of customers resident in Métis Settlements that have by bylaw approved Utility Services Agreements providing for the payment of annual utility service fees calculated as a percentage of gross revenues.¹ The percentage shown is to be applied as an addition to the total billings calculated.

<u>Métis Settlement</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Rate (%)</u>	<u>Decision/Order</u>	<u>Effective Date² (yyyy-mm-dd)</u>
Buffalo Lake	St. Paul	7.00	U2000-236	2000-07-15
Fishing Lake	St. Paul	5.00	U97153	1998-03-01
Gift Lake	Wabasca	7.00	U2003-378	2003-10-01
Kikino	St. Paul	7.00	U2000-107	2000-05-01

¹ The *Métis Settlements Act* (S.A. 1998 Chapter M-14.3) enables the Métis Settlements General Council to legislate by Policy and Settlement Councils to legislate by bylaw on matters related to the operations of utilities within the settlement areas, including the granting of interests in land, the assessment and taxation of these interests, and the licensing of related activities. [s.222(1); Sch.1, ss.14, 19]. Under Métis Settlements General *Council Public Utilities Policy* (GC-P9804; Alberta Gazette, Nov.30, 1998, p.2221) a Settlement may enter into Utility Service Agreement allowing a utility to use land and provide utility services in the Settlement Area and providing for the utility to pay an all inclusive annual service fee. The fee may be determined as a percentage of gross revenue received from services provided in the Settlement Area. Each of the listed Settlements has entered into a Utility Service Agreement with Apex Utilities. Under the *Public Utility Policy* [s.2.3(3)] the Service Agreement takes effect on being approved by bylaw and by the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board.

² Any bill rendered after this date is subject to the corresponding rate.

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Municipalities Governed by Standardized Franchise Agreement

For each calendar year the franchise fee will be calculated as a percentage of the Company's actual total revenue derived from the Gas Distribution Tariff, including without limitation the fixed charge, base energy charge, demand charge but excluding the cost of gas (being the calculated revenues from the gas cost recovery rate rider or the deemed cost of gas) in that year for Gas Distribution Service within the Municipal Area.

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Rate (%)</u>	<u>Decision / Order</u>	<u>Effective Date⁴ (yyyy-mm-dd)</u>
Athabasca	Town	Athabasca	12.00	26022-D01-2020	2021-01-01
Barrhead	Town	BMW ¹	16.00	24070-D01-2018	2019-01-01
Beaumont	City	Leduc	28.50	25046-D01-2019	2020-01-01
Bonnyville	Town	Bonnyville	20.00	20810-D01-2015	2015-10-01
Bonnyville Beach	Summer Village	Bonnyville	0.00	22812-D01-2017	2017-08-01
Calmar	Town	Leduc	20.00	20626-D01-2015	2015-09-01
Crystal Springs	Summer Village	Leduc	0.00	23563-D01-2018	2018-06-01
Delia	Village	Hanna	12.00	22936-D01-2017	2017-10-01
Donalda	Village	Stettler	16.00		2022-01-01
Drumheller	Town	Drumheller	27.00	20723-D01-2015	2015-11-01
Elk Point	Town	St. Paul	16.00	2010-158	2010-06-15
Glendon	Village	St. Paul	4.62	22869-D01-2017	2017-08-18
Grande Cache	Hamlet	Grande Cache	0.00	26045-D01-2020	2021-01-01
Grandview	Summer Village	Leduc	0.00	25356-D01-2020	2020-04-01
Hanna	Town	Hanna	17.50	26094-D01-2020	2021-01-01
Hay Lakes	Village	Leduc	6.00	26136-D01-2020	2021-01-01
High Level	Town	High Level	30.00	20717-D01-2015	2015-10-01
Island Lake	Summer Village	Athabasca	0.00	24366-D01-2019	2019-04-16
Leduc ²	City	Leduc	27.00	20748-D01-2015	2015-09-01
Leduc ³	City	Leduc	35.00	20748-D01-2015	2015-09-01
Ma-Me-O Beach	Summer Village	Leduc	0.00	24553-D01-2019	2019-05-22
Mewatha Beach	Summer Village	Athabasca	6.00	20900-D01-2015	2015-10-01
Morinville	Town	BMW	19.00	20594-D01-2015	2015-08-01
Morrin	Village	Drumheller	12.00	2010-378	2011-02-01
Munson	Village	Drumheller	11.00	2004-291	2004-12-01
Pelican Narrows	Summer Village	Bonnyville	0.00	24140-D01-2018	2019-02-01
Pincher Creek	Town	Pincher Creek	25.00	20595-D01-2015	2015-09-01
Poplar Bay	Summer Village	Leduc	0.00	25470-D01-2020	2020-05-01
Rochon Sands	Summer Village	Stettler	0.00	22861-D01-2017	2017-08-14
St. Paul	Town	St. Paul	22.00	20631-D01-2015	2015-08-01
Stettler	Town	Stettler	30.00	20718-D01-2015	2016-01-01
Sunset Beach	Summer Village	Athabasca	3.00	26780-D01-2021	2021-09-01
Three Hills	Town	Three Hills	9.00	25648-D01-2020	2020-09-01
Two Hills	Town	Two Hills	23.00	26099-D01-2020	2021-01-01
Waskatenau	Village	BMW	8.00	21221-D01-2016	2016-01-01
Westlock	Town	BMW	25.00	20730-D01-2015	2015-10-01
White Sands	Summer Village	Stettler	0.00	2008-130	2008-05-29
Willingdon	Hamlet	Two Hills	6.00	2005-005	2005-01-26

¹ BMW denotes Barrhead, Morinville and Westlock.

² Does not apply to service under Rates 3 or 13.

³ Applies only to service under Rates 3 and 13.

⁴ Any bill rendered after this date is subject to the corresponding rate.

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