

**Electronic Notification**

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Mr. Chad Painchaud  
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Dear Mr. Painchaud:

**DIRECT ENERGY REGULATED SERVICES (DERS) – SOUTH  
GAS COST FLOW-THROUGH RATE (GCFR)  
MONTH OF APRIL 2006  
APPLICATION 1454213**

The Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (the Board) is in receipt of the filing from DERS, a Business Unit of Direct Energy Marketing Limited, dated March 27, 2006, in which it has requested a GCFR of \$5.971 per gigajoule (GJ), for customers served in the ATCO Gas South (AGS) service territory, to be effective during the month of April 2006.

The Board has reviewed the filing and accepts that DERS determined the above noted GCFR in accordance with the directions previously issued to gas utilities subject to the Board's jurisdiction in Decision 2001-75, dated October 30, 2001, and more specifically to AGS in Decision 2002-034, dated March 21, 2002 and to DERS in Decision 2003-106, dated December 18, 2003. Consequently, the Board acknowledges that, as set out in DERS's Rider "F" for the ATCO Gas South Service Territory, for the period April 1, 2006 to April 30, 2006 the GCFR of \$5.971/GJ is appropriate to be applied to all energy sold to customers served under Rates G1, G3 and G5.

As directed in Decision 2001-75, a 30-day review period is provided for parties to raise any concerns with a gas cost recovery rate. As DERS is the Default Supply Provider for ATCO Gas, the 30-day review period would be similarly applicable to the GCFR requested by DERS.

Yours truly,



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