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ATCO Gas recognized as a national leader in reducing greenhouse gas emissions ATCO Gas reduces emissions below 1990 levels

Edmonton, Alberta — By cutting its greenhouse gas emissions to almost 50 per cent below those of 1990 levels, ATCO Gas earned national recognition yesterday at Canada's Climate Change Voluntary Challenge and Registry Inc.'s 7th Annual Leadership Awards in Gatineau, Quebec.

ATCO Gas received Honourable Mention in the Oil and Gas – Pipelines and Natural Gas Distribution category for successfully reducing its 2002 greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 6,040 tonnes or 13.3 million pounds of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e) from 1990 levels. That's about the same amount of emissions exhausted by 975 SUVs in one year. ATCO's emissions per customer were 49 per cent below 1990 levels.

"ATCO Gas is to be applauded for its extraordinary leadership and achievements in reducing the intensity of GHG emissions," said Robert Flemington, President of Climate Change Voluntary Challenge and Registry Inc. "This is in addition to the ongoing commitment by ATCO's senior management towards voluntary reductions, setting future reduction targets and preparing detailed action plans and progress reports to meet the challenge of climate change reductions."

"Our ability to cut greenhouse gas emissions well below 1990 levels demonstrates our commitment to innovation and environmental stewardship while maintaining the lowest delivery rates in Canada compared to other natural gas delivery companies," added ATCO Gas President Jerome Engler. "By 2010, we expect to continue our record of achievement with a cumulative reduction of more than 1.6 million tonnes."

Since 1990 ATCO Gas has reduced its emissions by 606,271 tonnes in support of initiatives by the governments of Canada and Alberta to cut emissions using voluntary measures. At the same time, the company has seen a 35 per cent increase in both the number of customers served and the amount of natural gas delivered through its pipeline system.

ATCO Gas reports progress on its greenhouse gas reduction initiatives every year. Full copies of the ATCO Gas 2003 Action Plan Update are available online at www.atcogas.com.

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