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ATCO Gas Receives Decision on General Rate Application

CALGARY, Alberta – On January 27, 2006, ATCO Gas received a decision on its phase one General Rate Application (GRA) which was filed with the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (AEUB) in May 2005 for 2005, 2006 and 2007. The decision establishes the amount of revenue ATCO Gas can recover through distribution rates for natural gas distribution service to its customers over the period of 2005 to 2007.

As part of this GRA, on August 28, 2005, ATCO Gas received a decision from the AEUB approving an interim refundable rate increase. The GRA decision has confirmed the revenues from these interim rates for 2005 and, therefore, will not have a material impact on the 2005 earnings of the company.

There will be no immediate impact on the ATCO Gas distribution rates as interim rates will continue until final rates are decided by the AEUB in late 2006 or early 2007.

The GRA decision approved a return on common equity as determined by the AEUB's standardized rate of return methodology. The return on common equity is 9.5% in 2005, 8.93% in 2006, and is yet to be determined for 2007. The impact of the GRA decision for 2006 and 2007 cannot be determined until final rates are decided by the AEUB.

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