



News Release

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ATCO GAS AIMS TO STOP DANGEROUS GAS LINE RUPTURES

Free Service To Locate Buried Lines Only One Call Away

EDMONTON, Alberta – ATCO Gas has launched a province-wide campaign aimed at reducing an increasing number of preventable, dangerous natural gas line ruptures.

“Safety is a core value for our customers, the public, our employees, contractors and our company which are being put at risk on a daily basis because someone has not made the call for line locations,” says ATCO Gas President Brian Hahn. “Already the number of damaged lines is nearing last year’s totals. Each time a gas line is hit there’s potential for tragedy and we are especially asking excavators to take the time to call for a line location to ensure everyone’s safety.”

Using billboards, transit bus wraps and radio spots, ATCO Gas is urging anyone planning excavation to use Alberta One-Call - a free, easy to-use service - to locate gas lines before work starts.

In Calgary alone, 142 incidents have already been reported this year. That is close to the 2007 total of 153 - with at least two months before freeze-up. In Edmonton, there have been 90 damaged lines compared to 109 in 2007. Provincially, more than 1,000 natural gas lines were ruptured or severed during digging in 2007.

Individuals or companies causing the damage must also cover the cost of repairing the line and restoring service in addition to their own time lost on the job site.

Alberta One-Call can be reached at 1-800-242-3447. The company handles approximately 276,000 calls per year, and can usually complete its work 48 hours after a request.

Says Mr. Hahn: “Getting locates is free and easy, and I’d like to take a moment to thank all the responsible excavators who have used the service. For everybody’s safety, we’re appealing to all excavators to call Alberta One-Call before they dig.”

ATCO Gas, a Canadian Utilities company, is part of ATCO Group and distributes natural gas through a network of close to 36,500 kilometres of underground pipes and service lines. The company operates 62 agency offices across Alberta and serves more than one million customers in nearly 300 communities across the province. ATCO Gas’ distribution rate remains the lowest in Canada.

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