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ATCO GAS SHOWCASES ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP IN NEW VIKING OPERATIONS CENTRE Company's First-Ever Geothermal Facility Uses Renewable Energy to Provide Heat

CALGARY, Alberta – ATCO Gas showcased environmental leadership Tuesday with the official opening of the Viking Operations Centre, the company's first geothermal facility that draws on heat energy from within the earth's crust.

"The Viking Operations Centre showcases ATCO's commitment to the environment by piloting the use of alternative energy technology," said Siegfried Kiefer, Managing Director, Utilities & Chief Information Officer, ATCO Group. "This flagship facility raises the bar for sustainable-building standards at ATCO."

The new 5,576 square-foot ATCO facility includes heat-exchanger pipes installed into 14 bore holes drilled 200 feet deep into the earth. It also contains energy efficient lighting, insulation and a high-efficiency water heater. The building has been designed to reduce carbon dioxide emissions by approximately 15 tonnes annually.

Added Brian Hahn, President, ATCO Gas: "Today marks another great milestone for our company. The new Viking Operations Centre helps us reduce our local carbon footprint while improving operational efficiency so we can provide exceptional customer service and maintain delivery rates among the lowest in Canada."

The Viking Operations Centre is the first business located in a new business park, jointly developed and owned by the Town of Viking and Beaver County. It is one of several green initiatives the ATCO Group of Companies is undertaking including geothermal and solar thermal projects in both southeast Calgary and the Town of Okotoks.

"Viking is an environmentally advanced community and is becoming a leading centre for environmental innovation," said Nancy Southern, President & Chief Executive Officer, ATCO Group. "This new facility complements the new business park and the economic growth the community is pursuing."

ATCO Gas provides safe, reliable natural gas distribution to more than one million Albertans. More information about the company can be found on its website at www.atcogas.com. ATCO Gas is part of the ATCO Group of Companies. ATCO Group, an Alberta-based worldwide organization of companies with assets of approximately \$8.7 billion and more than 7,700 employees, is comprised of three main business divisions: Power Generation, Utilities (natural gas and electricity transmission and distribution) and Global Enterprises (industrial manufacturing, technology, logistics and energy services). Additional information on ATCO Group can be found at www.atco.com.

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