

Notice of application to be filed for approval to renew the natural gas franchise agreement between the Town of Drayton Valley and Evergreen Gas Co-op Ltd.

Application summary:

The Alberta Utilities Commission expects to receive an application from Evergreen Gas Co-op Ltd. to renew its franchise agreement with the Town of Drayton Valley, following the submission deadline indicated below.

The franchise agreement will, subject to further renewal, continue to allow Evergreen Gas Co-op Ltd. the exclusive right to deliver natural gas to certain residents of the Town of Drayton Valley for approximately 10 years from the effective date of the franchise agreement. The franchise agreement will apply to those portions of the Town of Drayton Valley that currently receive services from Evergreen Gas Co-op and that are not currently subject to an existing franchise agreement between the Town of Drayton Valley and ATCO Gas.

There will be no franchise fee rate rider charged under the franchise agreement for the initial 10-year term of the franchise agreement. Thereafter, new consumers commencing services with Evergreen Gas Co-op will be charged a franchise fee in an amount determined by the Town of Drayton Valley subject to approval by the Alberta Utilities Commission.

The franchise fee rate rider percentage will remain the same at zero per cent. The average monthly franchise fee for an average residential customer is forecast to remain unchanged at \$0.00. The franchise fee is calculated based on distribution charges. An average residential customer uses about 200 gigajoules per year.

You may send your objections, concerns about, or support for the application in writing to Evergreen Gas Co-op Ltd. or to the Town of Drayton Valley on or before **December 28, 2018** at:

Evergreen Gas Co-op Ltd., Kevin Lang, Manager, Box 8800, Drayton Valley, AB T7A 1P9, phone: (780) 542-4808; email: evgrcoop@telus.net.

Town of Drayton Valley, Erin Felker, Manager, Corporate Initiatives, PO Box 6837, Drayton Valley, AB T7A 1A1, phone: (780) 514-2531; email: efelker@draytonvalley.ca.

Any submissions received, unless you request otherwise, will be part of the application submitted and will become part of the public record.

For more information on franchises or to receive a copy of the franchise agreement please contact either Evergreen Gas Co-op Ltd. at the addresses listed above.

For more information:

For more information about the AUC or its approval process associated with franchise applications, please contact the AUC directly at 780-427-4903 or at consumer-relations@auc.ab.ca.

The Alberta Utilities Commission is an independent, quasi-judicial regulatory body responsible for making decisions about utility-related applications.

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Alberta Utilities Commission
Douglas A. Larder, QC, General Counsel