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Gas, Electric, Wind Energy Rates Set for February

Medicine Hat, AB – The City of Medicine Hat has set its February energy commodity rates.

Natural Gas

The February natural gas commodity rate of \$2.14 per gigajoule (GJ), down from \$2.98 in January, for all customers is based on the average of the monthly gas charges set by Alberta gas distribution (pipes) owners and Gas Alberta Inc. as established and posted on the Alberta Consumers Advocate and the Gas Alberta Inc. websites.

(per gigajoule)	February 2012
AltaGas Utilities	\$2.237
Direct Energy Regulated Services North	\$2.147
Direct Energy Regulated Services South	\$2.064
Gas Alberta Inc.	\$2.100
City of Medicine Hat Rate (based on the average)	\$2.14

Electricity

The February electricity rate of \$0.1364 per kilowatt hour, down from \$0.1481 per kilowatt hour in January, for Residential, Farm, Small and Medium Commercial, Unmetered Services and Rental Lighting is based on the average of the monthly electric energy charges set by Alberta electric distribution (wires) owners as established in accordance with the provisions of the Regulated Rate Option (RRO) Regulation (AR 262/2005) and published on the Alberta Consumers Advocate website with the following exceptions:

- RRO electric energy charges set by Rural Electrification Associations (REAs) that own electric distribution systems in rural Alberta; and
- RRO electric energy charges set for customer classes described as anything other than “Residential” or “Commercial”

February 2012 (per kilowatt hour)	Residential	Commercial (Small / Medium)
Direct Energy Regulated – Atco Electric Area	\$0.13963	\$0.13854
Enmax – Calgary	\$0.13690	\$0.13690
Enmax – Red Deer	\$0.13707	\$0.13707
Enmax – Cardston	\$0.13994	\$0.13994
Enmax – Fort MacLeod	\$0.13994	\$0.13994
Enmax – Crowsnest Pass	\$0.13994	\$0.13994
Enmax – Ponoka	\$0.14004	\$0.14004
Epcor – Edmonton	\$0.13952	\$0.13952
Epcor – FortisAlberta	\$0.13561	\$0.13755
City of Lethbridge	\$0.11489	\$0.11489
City of Medicine Hat Rate (based on the average)	\$0.1364	

The February electricity rate for Large Commercial, Industrial and Street Lighting customers is based on the monthly average Alberta Power Pool price as established and published by the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO). The rate for January was \$0.0846 per kilowatt hour.

Wind Energy - Going Green

Customers also have a “Going Green” surcharge on their bill. This surcharge is for the annual purchase of 15,000,000 kilowatt hours of wind energy which represents three per cent of the annual kilowatts consumption for residential, farm, small and medium commercial customers.

The Going Green surcharge is calculated from the difference between the average monthly Alberta Pool Price as established and published by the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) and the contracted wind energy price of \$0.095 per kilowatt hour.

The Going Green surcharge for February is \$0.0004 per kilowatt hour.

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