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Gas, Electric, Wind Energy Rates Set for January

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

Natural Gas

The January natural gas commodity rate of \$2.98 per gigajoule (GJ), down from \$3.32 in December, 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)	January 2012
AltaGas Utilities	\$3.057
Direct Energy Regulated Services North	\$2.952
Direct Energy Regulated Services South	\$2.957
Gas Alberta Inc.	\$2.95
City of Medicine Hat Rate (based on the average)	\$2.98

Electricity

The January electricity rate of \$0.1481 per kilowatt hour, up from \$0.1330 per kilowatt hour in December, 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 Alberta Regulated Rate Option (RRO) Regulation (AR 262/25005) 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”

January 2012 (per kilowatt hour)	Residential	Commercial (Small / Medium)
Direct Energy Regulated – Atco Electric Area	\$0.15940	\$0.14896
Enmax – Calgary	\$0.15284	\$0.15284
Enmax – Red Deer	\$0.14797	\$0.14797
Enmax – Cardston	\$0.15087	\$0.15087
Enmax – Fort MacLeod	\$0.15087	\$0.15087
Enmax – Crowsnest Pass	\$0.15087	\$0.15087
Enmax – Ponoka	\$0.15085	\$0.15085
Epcor – Edmonton	\$0.15114	\$0.15114
Epcor – FortisAlberta	\$0.14664	\$0.14874
City of Lethbridge	\$0.12661	\$0.12661
City of Medicine Hat Rate (based on the average)	\$0.1481	

The January 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 December was \$0.0513 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 January is \$0.0005 per kilowatt hour.

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