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Gas, Electric, Wind Energy Rates Set for March

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

Natural Gas

The March natural gas commodity rate of \$4.91 per gigajoule (GJ) 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)	March 2010
AltaGas Utilities	\$4.596
Direct Energy Regulated Services North	\$4.967
Direct Energy Regulated Services South	\$5.180
Gas Alberta Inc.	\$4.90
City of Medicine Hat Rate (based on the average)	\$4.91

Electricity

The March electricity rate of \$0.0632 per kilowatt hour 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”

March 2010 (per kilowatt hour)	Residential	Commercial (Small / Medium)
Direct Energy Regulated – Atco Electric Area	\$0.06242	\$0.06219
Enmax – Calgary	\$0.05951	\$0.05951
Enmax – Red Deer	\$0.06112	\$0.06112
Enmax – Cardston	\$0.06140	\$0.06140
Enmax – Fort MacLeod	\$0.06140	\$0.06140
Enmax – Crowsnest Pass	\$0.06140	\$0.06140
Enmax – Ponoka	\$0.06144	\$0.06144
Epcor – Edmonton	\$0.05691	\$0.05691
Epcor – FortisAlberta	\$0.05683	\$0.05679
City of Lethbridge	\$0.08906	\$0.08906
City of Medicine Hat Rate (based on the average)	\$0.0632	

The March 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 February was \$0.0439 per kilowatt hour.

Wind Energy - Going Green

Customers also have a “Going Green” surcharge on their bill. This charge is for the purchase of wind energy and is calculated as 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 is based on wind energy providing three per cent of the annual total kilowatts of consumption for residential, small and medium commercial customers or 15,000,000 kilowatt hours.

Going Green Surcharge	March 2010
Residential customers (E/N.1.1) per month	\$1.20
Small Commercial customers (E/N.3.1, E/N.3.5, E/N.3.9) per month	\$2.68
Medium Commercial customers (E/N.3.3, E/N3.6) per month	\$30.77

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