



# News Release

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ATCO GAS

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## **ATCO GAS MARKS MAJOR MILESTONE: ONE MILLION CUSTOMERS**

EDMONTON, Alberta – After nearly a century providing safe, reliable natural gas service to Albertans, ATCO Gas announced today that it is now serving more than one million customers. This historic milestone comes on the heels of one of the busiest years on record for ATCO Gas, as nearly 32,000 Alberta homes and businesses became new ATCO Gas customers in 2007.

The new landmark of one million customers was celebrated today at a special event in Edmonton, with remarks from: the Honourable Dave Hancock, Alberta's Minister of Health and Wellness; Nancy Southern, President and Chief Executive Officer, ATCO Group; and Jerome Engler, President, ATCO Gas.

The one-millionth customer, Mike Carson, was presented with a natural gas BBQ and gift basket from the ATCO Blue Flame Kitchen.

"This milestone in the ATCO Gas story is important, not only because it reflects the tremendous growth and development that our province has seen over the years – but because it gives us pause to express our gratitude to Albertans for allowing the company to be such an essential and continuous presence in their homes and businesses for so many years," said Ms. Southern.

"Supported by nearly a century of experience, our employees can be counted on 24 hours a day to ensure that every one of our one million-plus customers will receive the safe, reliable service they have come to expect from ATCO Gas," she added.

Alberta's rapid pace of development over the past few years has heightened the need to be vigilant about safety, said Mr. Engler. In 2007, requests from builders, contractors and homeowners to have ATCO Gas come out and locate the natural gas pipelines on their property were at an all-time high, and ATCO Gas had the second-highest volume of locate requests in the entire country.

"We have an excellent safety record because we focus on safety in everything we do," said Mr. Engler. "Despite the phenomenal level of construction activity in the province, our pipeline damage prevention program has been extremely effective, and in 2007, ATCO Gas had the lowest number of third-party damages per 1,000 locates in Canada. This accomplishment earned recognition from the Canadian Gas Association for best practices in damage prevention."

ATCO Gas, a Canadian Utilities company, is part of ATCO Group and distributes natural gas through a network of close to 36,500 kilometres of underground pipes and service lines. The company operates 62 agency offices across Alberta and serves more than one million customers in nearly 300 communities across the province. ATCO Gas' distribution rate remains the lowest in Canada.

More information about ATCO Gas can be found on its website [www.atcogas.com](http://www.atcogas.com).

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ATCO Group, an Alberta-based worldwide organization of companies with assets of approximately \$7.8 billion and more than 7,000 employees is comprised of three main business divisions: Power Generation; Utilities (natural gas and electricity transmission and distribution); and Global Enterprises, with companies active in industrial manufacturing, technology, logistics and energy services.

More information about ATCO Ltd. can be found on its website [www.atco.com](http://www.atco.com).

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