



## NEWS RELEASE



# ALTAGAS INCOME TRUST CLOSES ALTAGAS UTILITY GROUP ACQUISITION

**Calgary, Alberta (October 9, 2009)** – AltaGas Income Trust (AltaGas or the Trust) (TSX: ALA.UN) and AltaGas Utility Group Inc. (Utility Group) (TSX: AUI) are pleased to announce the successful completion of the acquisition of Utility Group by AltaGas.

"I am pleased to increase our investment in Utility Group. Its high quality utility infrastructure businesses, serving over 71,000 customers, have grown rate base by 15 percent over the past four years" said David Cornhill, Chairman and CEO of AltaGas. "We welcome the Utility Group employees back under the Trust umbrella and look forward to supporting them as they continue to provide excellent safe, reliable service and growth."

Patricia Newson, President and CEO of Utility Group, said, "The Utility Group team, including the outstanding operating groups at AltaGas Utilities Inc., Heritage Gas Limited and Inuvik Gas Ltd. look forward to our new relationship with the Trust. As part of a larger entity, Utility Group will continue to pursue significant organic growth and business acquisition opportunities."

AltaGas Holdings #3 Inc. (AltaGas Holdings #3 or the Offeror), an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of AltaGas, offered to acquire all of the outstanding common shares of Utility Group not already owned by AltaGas and its affiliates. The offer expired on October 7, 2009 at which date an aggregate of 6,801,646 Utility Group shares (constituting approximately 94.97 percent of the outstanding shares, excluding those held by AltaGas or its affiliates) had been tendered or were subject to notice of guaranteed delivery. AltaGas has now taken up and paid for the tendered shares.

AltaGas Holdings #3, through provisions of section 206 of the Canadian Business Corporations Act (Canada), has acquired the Utility Group shares of shareholders who did not accept the offer. As a result, AltaGas and its affiliates now beneficially own and control all of the outstanding common shares of Utility Group.

As a result of the acquisition, Utility Group shares are expected to be delisted from the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX).

AltaGas Income Trust is one of Canada's largest and fastest growing energy infrastructure organizations. The Trust creates value by acquiring, growing and optimizing gas and power infrastructure, including a focus on renewable energy sources.

AltaGas Income Trust's units are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol ALA.UN and are included in the S&P/TSX Composite Index, the S&P/TSX Income Trust Index and the S&P/TSX Capped Energy Trust Index. AltaGas Utility Group Inc. common shares trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol AUI.

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