

February 11, 2026

Disposition 30621-D01-2026

Apex Utilities Inc.
5509 45 St.
Leduc, Alta. T9E 6T6

Attention: Sunny Shokar
Manager, Business Development & Community Relations

**Apex Utilities Inc.
Franchise Fee Update for the Town of Barrhead
Proceeding 30621**

1. On February 10, 2026, Apex Utilities Inc. applied to the Alberta Utilities Commission for acknowledgment of a change to the franchise fee with the Town of Barrhead from 18.0 per cent to 20.0 per cent, effective March 1, 2026. The application was filed according to Rule 029,¹ and included a copy of Rate Rider A.
2. Municipalities have the ability to revise the franchise fee on an annual basis pursuant to Clause 5(b) of the Natural Gas Distribution System Franchise Agreement. The Commission recognized this in Decision 20810-D01-2015² where it approved the template franchise agreement for Apex that allowed for the level of the franchise fee to be changed once annually at the option of the municipality, to a maximum franchise fee level of 35 per cent.
3. Prior to any change in the level of the franchise fee pursuant to the franchise agreement, customers shall be notified as outlined in Section 7 of Rule 029. Under Rule 029, any change in the level of the franchise fee to be charged under an approved franchise agreement is required to be filed with the Commission for acknowledgment.
4. Notice of the proposed franchise fee update was advertised on January 13, 2026, and January 20, 2026, in the Barrhead Leader newspaper. No objections or concerns related to the proposed franchise fee update were received.
5. The proposed franchise fee of 20.0 per cent, as shown on the municipal franchise fee rider schedule, attached as [Appendix 1](#),³ is an increase of the current franchise fee.
6. The Commission is satisfied that the municipality provided adequate notice of the franchise fee and observes that the franchise fee does not exceed the rate cap of 35 per cent. Therefore, the Commission acknowledges Apex's Rate Rider A of 20.0 per cent effective March 1, 2026, for customers in the Town of Barrhead.

¹ Rule 029: *Municipal Franchise Agreements*.

² Decision 20810-D01-2015: AltaGas Utilities Inc. and the Town of Bonnyville Franchise Agreement and Rate Rider "A," Proceeding 20810, September 14, 2015.

³ Exhibit 30621-X0003, Apex 2026 Rider A – Proposed – Town of Barrhead.

7. The Commission may, no later than 60 days from the date of this disposition and without notice, correct typographical, spelling and calculation errors and other similar types of errors and post the corrected disposition on its website.

(original signed by)

Chris Arnot
Director, Retail Energy and Water
On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

Attachment

Appendix 1 – Rate Rider A

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Appendix 1 - Rate
Rider A

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RATE RIDER A	FRANCHISE TAX RIDERS
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Métis Settlements

Additions to be made to the rates of customers resident in Métis Settlements that have by bylaw approved Utility Services Agreements providing for the payment of annual utility service fees calculated as a percentage of gross revenues.¹ The percentage shown is to be applied as an addition to the total billings calculated.

<u>Métis Settlement</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Rate (%)</u>	<u>Decision/Order</u>	<u>Effective Date² (yyyy-mm-dd)</u>
Buffalo Lake	St. Paul	7.00	U2000-236	2000-07-15
Fishing Lake	St. Paul	5.00	U97153	1998-03-01
Gift Lake	Wabasca	7.00	U2003-378	2003-10-01
Kikino	St. Paul	7.00	U2000-107	2000-05-01

¹ The *Métis Settlements Act* (S.A. 1998 Chapter M-14.3) enables the Métis Settlements General Council to legislate by Policy and Settlement Councils to legislate by bylaw on matters related to the operations of utilities within the settlement areas, including the granting of interests in land, the assessment and taxation of these interests, and the licensing of related activities. [s. 222(1); Sch. 1, ss.14, 19]. Under Métis Settlements General Council *Public Utilities Policy* (GC-P9804; Alberta Gazette, Nov.30, 1998, p.2221) a Settlement may enter into Utility Service Agreement allowing a utility to use land and provide utility services in the Settlement Area and providing for the utility to pay an all inclusive annual service fee. The fee may be determined as a percentage of gross revenue received from services provided in the Settlement Area. Each of the listed Settlements has entered into a Utility Service Agreement with Apex Utilities. Under the *Public Utility Policy* [s.2.3(3)] the Service Agreement takes effect on being approved by bylaw and by the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board.

² Any bill rendered after this date is subject to the corresponding rate.

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Municipalities Governed by Standardized Franchise Agreement

For each calendar year the franchise fee will be calculated as a percentage of the Company’s actual total revenue derived from the Gas Distribution Tariff, including without limitation the fixed charge, base energy charge, demand charge but excluding the cost of gas (being the calculated revenues from the gas cost recovery rate rider or the deemed cost of gas) in that year for Gas Distribution Service within the Municipal Area.

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Rate (%)</u>	<u>Decision / Order</u>	<u>Effective Date⁴ (yyyy-mm-dd)</u>
Athabasca	Town	Athabasca	22.00	29713-D01-2024	2025-01-10
Barrhead	Town	BMW ¹	20.00	30621-D01-2026	2026-03-01
Beaumont	City	Leduc	28.50	30319-D01-2025	2025-10-01
Bonnyville	Town	Bonnyville	21.00	30166-D01-2025	2025-09-01
Bonnyville Beach	Summer Village	Bonnyville	0.00	29921-D01-2025	2025-03-17
Boyle	Village	Athabasca	20.00	29713-D01-2024	2025-01-10
Calmar	Town	Leduc	35.00	30191-D01-2025	2025-08-01
Crystal Springs	Summer Village	Leduc	0.00	29713-D01-2024	2025-01-10
Delia	Village	Hanna	12.00	29713-D01-2024	2025-01-10
Donalda	Village	Stettler	17.50	29750-D01-2025	2025-01-27
Drumheller	Town	Drumheller	27.00	30192-D01-2025	2025-11-01
Elk Point	Town	St. Paul	16.00	29713-D01-2024	2025-01-10
Glendon	Village	St. Paul	4.62	29750-D01-2025	2025-01-27
Grandview	Summer Village	Leduc	0.00	29713-D01-2024	2025-01-10
Hanna	Town	Hanna	17.50	29713-D01-2024	2025-01-10
Hay Lakes	Village	Leduc	9.00	29713-D01-2024	2025-01-10
High Level	Town	High Level	30.00	30355-D01-2025	2025-11-01
Island Lake	Summer Village	Athabasca	0.00	29713-D01-2024	2025-01-10
Leduc ²	City	Leduc	27.00	29713-D01-2024	2025-01-10
Leduc ³	City	Leduc	35.00	29713-D01-2024	2025-01-10
Ma-Me-O Beach	Summer Village	Leduc	0.00	29713-D01-2024	2025-01-10
Mewatha Beach	Summer Village	Athabasca	6.00	30101-D01-2025	2025-07-01
Morinville	Town	BMW	19.00	30240-D01-2025	2025-09-10
Morrin	Village	Drumheller	12.00	29713-D01-2024	2025-01-10
Munson	Village	Drumheller	11.00	30050-D01-2025	2025-06-01
Pelican Narrows	Summer Village	Bonnyville	0.00	29713-D01-2024	2025-01-10
Pincher Creek	Town	Pincher Creek	35.00	30241-D01-2025	2025-09-01
Poplar Bay	Summer Village	Leduc	0.00	29713-D01-2024	2025-01-10
Rochon Sands	Summer Village	Stettler	0.00	29713-D01-2024	2025-01-10
St. Paul	Town	St. Paul	27.00	30443-D01-2025	2025-12-01
Stettler	Town	Stettler	30.00	29713-D01-2024	2025-01-10
Sunset Beach	Summer Village	Athabasca	3.00	29713-D01-2024	2025-01-10
Three Hills	Town	Three Hills	9.00	29713-D01-2024	2025-01-10
Two Hills	Town	Two Hills	23.00	29912-D01-2025	2025-04-01
Waskatenau	Village	BMW	8.00	30189-D01-2025	2025-09-01
Westlock	Town	BMW	29.00	29713-D01-2024	2025-01-10
White Sands	Summer Village	Stettler	0.00	29747-D01-2025	2025-02-01

¹ BMW denotes Barrhead, Morinville and Westlock.
² Does not apply to service under Rates 3 or 13.
³ Applies only to service under Rates 3 and 13.
⁴ Any bill rendered after this date is subject to the corresponding rate.

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