

Utility Newsletter

June 2009



APPROVAL FOR GAS COMMODITY REDUCTION – The Gas Utility’s regulator, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) approved the Utility’s application for a 31.1% rate decrease on the commodity price. The lower rate becomes effective June 1, 2009 and will appear on your July 2009 utility invoice. A copy of the updated Gas Tariff and a copy of the BCUC’s decision G-66-09 are available at the Utility’s offices and on the Utility’s web site at www.sunpeaksutilities.com under “Gas.”

The effect of this application result in an annual decrease of about 19.2% to 25.7% for the average residential user, for condominium and single family homes respectively. Large commercial users will see a decrease of about 27.5%. SPUCL’s rates for propane delivery and commodity charges are as follows:

Components of the Rate Application <i>(Effective date of June 1, 2009)</i>	Rate as of Dec 1, 2008	Rate as of June 1, 2009	Change	
Storage Facility (per Gj)	\$2.0405	\$2.1550	\$0.1145	5.6%
Commodity Price (per Gj)	\$19.4600	\$13.5810	(\$5.8790)	(30%)
GCRA Recovery (per Gj)	\$1.3400	\$0.0000	(\$1.3400)	(100%)
Commodity Charge (per Gj)	\$22.8405	\$15.7360	(\$7.1045)	(31.1%)
Residential Delivery Charge	\$2.2375	\$2.2375	\$0.0000	0%
Total Variable Charges	\$25.0780	\$17.9735	(\$7.1045)	(28.3%)

For a full copy of the application, please visit www.sunpeaksutilities.com or contact the Utilities’ offices at info@sunpeaksutilities.com or 250-578-5490 (press 1).

Carbon Tax Rate – On July 1, 2009 the price BC’s provincial carbon tax charged on propane fuel delivered by Sun Peaks Utilities will increase. The rate changes from \$0.6018 to \$0.9026 per Gigajoule. For information on British Columbia’s Carbon Tax, please visit [HTTP://WWW.SBR.GOV.BC.CA/BUSINESS/CONSUMER_TAXES/CARBON_TAX/CARBON_TAX.HTM](http://www.sbr.gov.bc.ca/business/consumer_taxes/carbon_tax/carbon_tax.htm).

ANNUAL FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHING PROGRAM – The Utility has started its annual fire hydrant flushing and maintenance program on June 1st. We expect the crews to finish this process around July 30th. This flushing will ensure all fire hydrants will work when needed and flushing helps to improve general water quality. The flushing may cause some cloudiness to your water during the flushing process. There is no health risk to this process. If you experience some cloudiness, colour or air bubbles, please flush your water line for 2 to 5 minutes. If your water does not clear up or you experience any other problems, please contact the office at 250-578-5490 (press 1) or contact the on-call field technicians at 250-319-0629.

PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT OPTION – A short reminder on Sun Peaks Utilities’ Pre-authorized Debit Option (“PAD”). All you need to do to sign up is follow these steps:

1. Complete and sign the pre-authorization debit application (the form is available on SPUCL’s web site at www.sunpeaksutilities.com)
2. Attach a copy of a void cheque (credit card cheques are not acceptable)
3. Mail your application and the void cheque to SPUCL using the pre-addressed envelope provided.

QUESTIONS – For more information on these subjects or any other utility matter, contact the Utility’s office at info@sunpeaksutilities.com or at 250-578-5490. In an **Emergency**, please contact the on-call field technician at **250-319-0629** or **911**.