

AN IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT YOUR GAS RATES

January 2010

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) approved changes to the rates Union Gas charges customers effective January 1, 2010. Your new rates are shown on the accompanying **Rate M5A** schedule. Changes in the rates are detailed in the attached appendix. The enclosed bill uses the new approved rates.

Delivery

Approved 2010 delivery rates reflect changes related to Incentive Regulation and Gas Cost Standardization. Individual customer impacts will vary.

Incentive Regulation

Approved 2010 delivery rates reflect a rate class average increase of 2.3%.

Gas Cost Standardization

The cost of gas in delivery rates is now adjusted quarterly and approved by the OEB as part of the Quarterly Rate Adjustment Mechanism. Rate M5A delivery commodity rates reflect changes in the costs for compressor fuel, unaccounted for gas, and carrying costs of gas in inventory due to changes in the cost of gas. As a result, approved January 1, 2010 delivery commodity rates include a decrease of 0.1526 cents/m³.

Transportation

The cost to transport natural gas to Ontario, **if applicable to your service**, has changed, resulting in an increase in the transportation rate by 0.2002 ¢/m³ to 4.2740 ¢/m³.

Gas Supply Charges

The gas commodity charge, **if applicable to your service**, has decreased by 0.1091 ¢/m³ to 19.8379 ¢/m³. This change reflects the decrease in Union Gas' forecast cost to purchase natural gas for the next 12 months.

In addition, there is a decrease of 0.0332 ¢/m³ related to the difference between the projected cost of natural gas that Union Gas expects to pay and the amounts that Union Gas expects to recover through its current gas commodity rate over the next 12 months. You will see the new rate on the "**Gas Price Adjustment**" line on your bill.

Adjusting your gas rate in this way ensures that you are billed at a rate that more closely reflects the market price of natural gas and avoids large out-of-period adjustments. Union Gas does not earn income on the sale of the natural gas commodity. The price we pay for the gas commodity is passed on directly to customers with no profit included.

We appreciate and thank you for your business. If you have any questions about the rate changes, please call your account representative. Our staff will be pleased to answer your questions.

Rate M5A + Appendix A (Rate M5A)
[Rate schedule attached]