

### **SEPTEMBER 2024 UTILITIES NEWSLETTER**

# NOTICE FROM RESORT GAS APPROVAL FROM BCUC FOR PROPANE RATE CHANGE

BCUC has approved a rate change for Propane services in Sun Peaks to better reflect the actual costs. The storage cost will be increased by \$0.28 per GJ while the commodity charge will be decreased by \$0.23 per GJ. This will increase the overall cost per GJ by \$0.05. This rate change will be effective as of October 1, 2024.

Rates for Gas Service		Rate Group 1 Residential	Rate Group 2 Small Commercial	Rate Group 3 Large Commercial
1	Basic Charge per Month	\$18.00	\$30.00	\$120.00
2	Delivery Charge per gigajoule of Gas delivered	\$3.4292	\$3.4292	\$4.0378
3	Gas Commodity Charge - Propane per gigajoule of Gas delivered	\$15.40	\$15.40	\$15.40
4	Gas Commodity Charge - Storage per gigajoule of Gas delivered	\$1.73	\$1.73	\$1.73
5	Gas Commodity Charge - GCRA per gigajoule of Gas delivered	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
6	Spare	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000
7	Total Gas Commodity Charge - per gigajoule of Gas delivered (addition of items 3 to 6)	\$17.13	\$17.13	\$17.13

### Winter Season is Approaching - Meter Reading Reminder

Gas and Water Meters are read during the last week of each month by a municipal employee. The Municipality always requires safe walking access to the meters. The gas tariff and water bylaw both have fees that apply if access to the meters requires removal of snow or other materials. Homeowners should locate both their gas meter and water reader touchpad prior to snowfall to know which area they are required to maintain access to.

If the Municipality deems your property meters are not safe to access for the employees, the Homeowner will be requested to provide the monthly meter read until the meter is safe to access once again. If the requested read is not provided, the read will be estimated for that month based on prior usage.

#### **Notice From BC Hydro**

## Planned power outage along the North Thompson corridor, set for Sunday, October 6 from 7am to 7pm.

BC Hydro has advised there will be a planned power outage on Sunday October 6 from 7am until 7pm which will affect the entire community of Sun Peaks. We are sharing the following information and message from BC Hydro below:

- BC Hydro is committed to delivering safe and reliable electricity to our customers across the province.
- We are always looking for ways to protect and improve the electrical supply that serves communities in the North Thompson.
- We have identified critical work we must undertake on the transmission lines to protect the system and improve reliability for people who live in the North Thompson.
- Doing work on this circuit will help prevent unexpected power outages in the communities it serves.
- As this is a high voltage transmission line, to ensure the safety of crews and the public while we complete this important work we need to have a 12 hour-long power outage during daylight hours.
- We have approximately 14,000 customers in the North Thompson and Robson Valley areas who rely on this transmission line.
- 8,340 of these customers will be without power during this outage, the remaining 5,660 customers will have their power stay on as it will be supplied through a different circuit or independent power producers.
- This outage will impact customers between Kamloops and Blue River.
- We know that any power outage is an inconvenience for our customers and for some can be very disruptive, so we are working hard to schedule the outage at a time that will cause the least amount of disruption while prioritizing safety.
- To take full advantage of this outage, we are engaging other groups within BC Hydro to perform tasks they have planned, thus avoiding subsequent outages and minimizing customer inconvenience.
- After this planned outage, there is additional work we need to do that will benefit communities in the area by further improving and protecting the electrical system. Some of that work will require another power outage to this transmission line, so after this work we would like to begin a conversation about holding an outage again next year.