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# ATCO GROUP EXPANDS NATURAL GAS STORAGE CAPACITY IN CANADA

CALGARY- ATCO Ltd. (TSX: ACO.X) (TSX: ACO.Y) / Canadian Utilities Limited (TSX: CU) (TSX: CU.X)

The ATCO Group, through its investment in Canadian Utilities Limited, today completed the purchase of the Alberta Hub natural gas storage facility near Edson, Alberta. ATCO Energy Solutions acquired 100 per cent equity interest of the owners, Iberdrola Canada Energy Services and Amphora Gas Storage, an affiliate of ArcLight Capital Partners. ATCO will own and operate the Alberta Hub facility, complementing ATCO's existing natural gas storage capabilities at its facility near Carbon, Alberta.

"The addition of a second storage facility to our portfolio allows ATCO to drive efficiency, leverage our knowledge, expertise and strategic relationships, and enhance our competitive position in the Alberta storage market, while offering our customers more flexible storage solutions," said Bob Jones, President, ATCO Energy Solutions.

"Natural gas is not only a foundational energy source for our current economy, but it also serves as a critical component in the energy transition to a cleaner, lower-emitting future," said Bob Myles, Executive Vice President, Corporate Development, ATCO. He then added, "Natural gas storage plays an important role in maintaining an affordable and reliable energy system, which will only become more essential as Alberta develops more renewable generation and a clean hydrogen economy."

The Alberta Hub natural gas storage facility has a capacity of approximately 43 billion cubic feet and, like ATCO's Carbon facility, is connected to the NOVA Gas Transmission (NGTL) system.

#### **ATCO's Commitment to Sustainability**

For ATCO, sustainability is more than an aspiration; it is interwoven into our strategy, our day-to-day operations, the products and services we provide, and the fabric of our people. It manifests across our family of companies in countless ways, both in how we conduct our day-to-day activities and in the contributions we make to society through both our operations and the community spirit of our people. Our enduring and holistic commitment is clearly reflected in our efforts to cost-effectively and reliably accelerate the energy transition; enhance our environmental performance and reduce our greenhouse gas emissions; champion the safety, inclusivity, and equity of our people, communities, and customers; foster Indigenous and community partnerships based on trust, equity and mutual respect; and ensure uninterrupted, resilient, and reliable access to essential products and services—anytime, anywhere.

With approximately 6,200 employees and assets of \$22 billion, ATCO is a diversified global corporation with investments in the essential services of Structures & Logistics (workforce and residential housing, innovative modular facilities, construction, site support services, workforce lodging services, facility operations and maintenance, defence operations services, and disaster and emergency management services); Utilities (electricity and natural gas transmission and distribution, and international electricity operations); Energy Infrastructure



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