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New state-of-the-art facility helps ATCO Gas keep pace with booming residential and commercial construction

EDMONTON, Alberta – A new 55,000 square-foot facility incorporating some of the most advanced equipment for testing and certifying natural gas detection and metering equipment was officially opened by ATCO Gas today. The facility will help ATCO Gas keep pace with Alberta's booming growth in residential and commercial construction.

“The new ATCO Gas Meter, Electronics, Instrumentation and Distribution (MEID) Centre showcases the company's innovation and technical excellence in gas measurement and metering technology and processes,” announced Nancy Southern, President and Chief Executive Officer, ATCO Group. “The state-of-the-art facility provides tremendous improvements to workflow efficiency, quality of work and operations that will help ATCO Gas maintain the lowest delivery rates in Canada compared to other natural gas distribution companies.”

The new MEID Centre replaces metering, instrumentation and distribution operations at the company's old service centre (105 Avenue / 112 Street), a collection of four buildings built in the late 1940s and early 1950s. A lack of space and aging facilities hampered the company's ability to accommodate a customer base that has more than doubled since that time.

“Four times the meters are now being managed and processed than 50 years ago,” explains Jerome Engler, President, ATCO Gas. “Increasing residential and commercial construction and pending new meter sampling and testing requirements from Measurement Canada will require ATCO Gas to significantly increase the number of meters handled in our meter shop from 80,000 per year to an estimated 100,000 per year.”

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The new location at 11751 – 186 Street is in close proximity to major transportation routes and will help MEID serve as a central hub for the company’s management of nearly 920,000 in-service meters across Alberta. “Improvements will allow us to better serve all regions of this fast-growing province as well as strengthen Edmonton’s reputation as the Gateway to the booming economies in the North and throughout the province,” added Southern.

“By consolidating operations under one roof, by seeking to leverage the best technology has to offer and by giving our people – the very best people in the business – the tools to better serve customers, ATCO Gas is demonstrating its commitment to operational excellence and providing our customers accurate bills,” she said. “This new facility will allow us to deliver on those commitments by becoming a centre of excellence in meter technologies and business operations.”

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