

ALTAGAS AND PACIFIC NORTHERN GAS ANNOUNCE SHAREHOLDER AND COURT APPROVALS FOR ACQUISITION OF PNG

Calgary, Alberta and Vancouver, British Columbia (December 14, 2011)

AltaGas Ltd. (“AltaGas” or the “Corporation”) (TSX: ALA; ALA.PR.A) and Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. (“PNG”) (TSX: PNG) today announced shareholder and court approval of the acquisition of all of the issued and outstanding common shares of PNG by AltaGas. The transaction is pending federal regulatory approval.

The proposed transaction was approved by over 99 percent of PNG shareholders voting in person or represented by proxy at a special meeting held on December 12, 2011. The arrangement was approved by the British Columbia Utilities Commission on November 23, 2011, and the Supreme Court of British Columbia on December 13, 2011. In accordance with the arrangement and pending federal regulatory approval, AltaGas Utility Holdings (Pacific) Inc., an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of AltaGas, will acquire all of the issued and outstanding common shares of PNG for consideration of \$36.75 per common share.

Registered holders of PNG common shares, who have not already submitted a completed letter of transmittal, together with their share certificates, to Computershare Investor Services Inc., in its capacity as depositary under the arrangement, should do so at their earliest convenience. Payment to shareholders will be made following receipt of such documents. If your PNG common shares are registered in the name of a nominee, you should contact that nominee for instructions and assistance in delivering certificates to the depositary.

Upon closing of the acquisition, PNG’s common shares are expected to be delisted from the Toronto Stock Exchange within three business days.

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About Pacific Northern Gas Ltd.

Headquartered in Vancouver, British Columbia, PNG (TSX: PNG/PNG.PR.A) owns and operates natural gas transmission and distribution systems. PNG’s western transmission line extends from the Spectra Energy gas transmission system north of Prince George to tidewater at Kitimat and Prince

Rupert, and provides service to 12 communities and a number of industrial facilities. In the northeast, PNG's subsidiary Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd. provides gas distribution service in the Dawson Creek, Fort St. John and Tumbler Ridge areas. Further information is available on PNG's website at: www.png.ca.

About AltaGas Ltd.

AltaGas is an energy infrastructure business with a focus on natural gas, power and regulated utilities. AltaGas creates value by acquiring, growing and optimizing its energy infrastructure, including a focus on renewable energy sources.

AltaGas' regulated utilities serve end-users in Alberta, Nova Scotia and Inuvik, Northwest Territories. The Utility business is comprised of 100 percent interests in AltaGas Utilities Inc. (AUI), the Alberta utility business and Heritage Gas, the Nova Scotia utility business, a one-third interest in Inuvik Gas Ltd. (Inuvik Gas) and a 33.3335 percent interest in the Ikhil Joint Venture (Ikhil). For more information visit: www.altagas.ca

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