



News Release

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ATCO GAS OPENS NEW ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY OPERATIONS CENTRE Edmonton facility is the largest commercial building of its kind in Canada

EDMONTON, Alberta – ATCO Gas today celebrated the official opening of a new environmentally friendly operations centre. Located in Edmonton, the operations centre is the largest commercial building in Canada to make use of geothermal heating, ventilating and cooling (HVAC) technology fuelled by natural gas.

“The North Edmonton Operations Centre demonstrates ATCO’s commitment to the environment through the commercial use of alternative energy technology,” said Nancy Southern, President and Chief Executive Officer, ATCO Group. “It sets a new standard for sustainable buildings and reinforces ATCO’s reputation for technological innovation.”

The new 55,000 square-foot facility utilizes natural gas, the cleanest burning fossil fuel, to run the heat pump geothermal system. It uses approximately 40 percent less energy than a similar size building heated through conventional means. The energy savings equate to a reduction in carbon dioxide emission by an estimated 60 metric tonnes annually.

“The new North Edmonton Operations Centre is a showcase for ATCO, as well as the City of Edmonton and Province of Alberta,” said Brian Hahn, President, ATCO Gas. “It helps consolidate operations into a future forward facility where 185 employees work to build and maintain a safe, reliable gas distribution system.”

ATCO Gas opened a smaller geothermal facility in Viking, Alberta, last March, while another operations centre equipped with geothermal technology is currently under construction in Airdrie. Other green initiatives undertaken by ATCO include solar and hydro projects.

ATCO Gas is part of ATCO Group and provides safe, reliable natural gas service through a network of more than 37,000 kilometres of underground pipes and service lines. The company operates 62 agency offices across Alberta and serves more than one million customers in nearly 300 communities across the province. More information about ATCO Gas is available at www.atcogas.com.

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