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**New contract approved for long-term natural gas transportation**

DARTMOUTH – An important milestone has been reached to provide long-term stable prices for natural gas customers in Nova Scotia. Today, the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board approved Heritage Gas' Application to enter into a long-term natural gas transportation contract with the Portland Natural Gas Transmission System, also known as the Portland Xpress Project ("PXP") Contract.

Heritage Gas President John Hawkins says that the 22-year contract will allow the company to access low-cost natural gas from central Canada, one of the most stable supply sources in North America.

"With this contract Heritage Gas will be able to deliver more predictable natural gas prices to residential, commercial and industrial customers. We continue to work to secure stable supplies of natural gas so Nova Scotian families and businesses can enjoy the same benefits of a low-cost, cleaner, and reliable supply as millions of Canadians already do."

Hawkins added: "This is good news for our customers. The contract will reduce price volatility for natural gas in the province. In addition to providing energy to thousands of homes, the Company also serves some of the province's largest employers and industries. The Decision today is important for Nova Scotia's economic growth."

Natural gas is a much cleaner source of energy than oil or coal. With increased conversions from oil and coal-based energy to natural gas, the Company will continue to help reduce the province's greenhouse gas emissions.

Heritage Gas Limited is a Nova Scotia-based company formed in 2003 to operate a regulated natural gas distribution franchise in the province. Heritage Gas provides natural gas service to customers in Halifax, Pictou, Amherst and Oxford. Since the company's inception in 2003, Heritage Gas has saved its customers more than \$400 million and reduced greenhouse gas emissions by 1.4 million tonnes. The company is owned by AltaGas Utility Group Inc., an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of AltaGas Ltd., based in Calgary, Alberta.

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