



## NEWS RELEASE

### ALTAGAS INCOME TRUST ANNOUNCES SUCCESSFUL OFFER FOR ALTAGAS UTILITY GROUP INC.

**Calgary, Alberta (October 7, 2009)** – AltaGas Income Trust (AltaGas or the Trust) (TSX: ALA.UN) is pleased to announce that 6,801,646 AltaGas Utility Group Inc. (Utility Group) (TSX: AUI) common shares, which represent approximately 94.97 percent of the outstanding shares on a fully diluted basis, excluding those held by AltaGas or its affiliates have been tendered to the offer (the Offer) dated September 1, 2009, as varied by the notice of variation dated September 23, 2009, made by AltaGas Holdings #3 Inc. (AltaGas Holdings #3 or the Offeror), an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of AltaGas.

The Offeror will exercise its right to acquire all the remaining Utility Group common shares by way of compulsory acquisition as soon as practicable.

AltaGas will provide further details related to the acquisition upon completion of the Offer, expected on or about October 8, 2009.

AltaGas Income Trust is one of Canada's largest and fastest growing energy infrastructure organizations. The Trust creates value by acquiring, growing and optimizing gas and power infrastructure, including a focus on renewable energy sources.

AltaGas Income Trust's units are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol ALA.UN and are included in the S&P/TSX Composite Index, the S&P/TSX Income Trust Index and the S&P/TSX Capped Energy Trust Index.

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