

BULLETIN 02-2013

May 10, 2013

**TO: LICENSED GAS CONTRACTORS
 PROPANE DISTRIBUTORS
 GAS UTILITIES**

SUBJECT: GAS PERMIT FEE INCREASE

This notice is to advise that effective September 1, 2013, there will be an increase in some permit fees. Any permits received September 1, 2013 and later will be subject to the new fees.

Thank you for your co-operation in the matters of public safety.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Syed Asif Ali".

Syed Asif Ali, P. Eng.
Chief Gas Inspector

May, 2013

SaskPower Gas Inspections Schedule of Fees

Effective September 1, 2013

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Table 1 - Residential Permit Fees

Fees

1.1	Residential* New Job*	
	a) Includes up to 3 appliances (an outdoor portable appliance outlet is considered an appliance*)	\$ 185.00
	b) Each appliance after the first 3	60.00

1.2	Residential* Improvements	
	a) Each Appliance Addition* (includes additional outdoor portable appliance outlet for BBQ, Heater, Firepit, or other)*	\$ 60.00
	b) Each appliance replacement (including a heat exchanger)	60.00
	c) Each Alteration*	60.00
	d) Each Reconnection*	60.00
	e) Temporary* appliance	60.00
	f) Underground* gas line	60.00
	g) Each Propane Tank Set *	35.00

*** Designates item defined or clarified, see Table 7 definitions**

Table 2 - Commercial Permit Fees

		<u>Fees</u>
2.1	Commercial New Job*	
2.1.1	New job* includes one appliance	\$ 325.00
	a) Each appliance after the first one	160.00
2.1.2	Additional Fees for Commercial New Jobs with a Total Load: Exceeding 1 million Btuh	
	New Job Fees (above) apply Plus for the Total Project Load: Each 1 million Btuh or part thereof in excess of 1 million Btuh - add	\$ 75.00 per million Btuh

2.2	Commercial Improvements	
2.2.1	Addition (per appliance)	\$ 160.00
	a) Addition Fees (above) apply Plus when the combined load of the Additional Appliances is Exceeding 1 million Btuh: Each 1 million Btuh or part thereof in excess of 1 million Btuh - add	75.00 per million Btuh
2.2.2	Replacement (per appliance)	\$ 160.00
	a) Replacement Fees (above) apply Plus when the combined load of the Replacement Appliances is Exceeding 1 million Btuh: Each 1 million Btuh or part thereof in excess of 1 million Btuh - add	75.00 per million Btuh
2.2.3	Other Commercial Improvements	
	a) Piping Alteration* or Reconnection*	\$ 160.00
	b) Each Underground* gas line ¹ under 200 ft	160.00
	¹ For Underground* gas lines exceeding 200 ft – Underground gas line fee (above) plus Requires Plan Approval	Call for \$ Re: 6.1(i)

2.3	Other Permit Fees	
	a) Each gas turbine	\$5,000.00
	i) each micro turbine/fuel cell/gas engine (up to 1 million Btuh*)	325.00
	b) Bunsen burners in lab room(s) – per room	160.00
	c) Each Temporary* appliance	
	i) first appliance	125.00
	ii) each additional Temporary* appliance	55.00
	d) Each natural gas vehicle refuelling facility with storage	250.00
	e) Propane Fees – see Table 3	
	f) Grain Dryer/Bin Dryer* over 400,000 Btuh – use commercial fees 2.1 (New) or 2.2 (Addition/Replacement) as applicable	
	g) (New/Addition/Replacement) Bin Dryer* under 400,000 Btuh	60.00

* Designates item defined or clarified, see Table 7 definitions

Table 3 – Propane Permit Fees

		<u>Fees</u>
3.1	Residential* Propane Services	
	a) Each Propane Tank Set per 1.2 (f)	\$ 35.00

3.2	Commercial Propane Services	
	a) Each Propane Tank Set*	
	i) 120 USWG (420 lb.) up to 5,000 USWG aggregate capacity	\$ 35.00
	ii) over 5,000 USWG aggregate capacity	750.00
	iii) Temporary* Propane Tank Set*	35.00
	iv) Oilfield Propane Tank Set*	35.00
	b) Each propane refill center and propane storage and filling plant	
	- 5,000 and less USWG (21,200 lbs or 18,900 litres)	250.00
	- Over 5,000 USWG (21,200 lbs or 18,900 litres)	750.00
	c) Each retail propane tank exchange site * (up to 4 cages/cabinets)	250.00
	d) Each Temporary* Mobile Trailer* (connected to a Propane Tank Set* or natural gas)	75.00
	e) Each exhibition/trade show concession (Temporary*) ¹	75.00
	(¹ or the event organizer may use hourly fees per Table 6)	

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Note – Propane containers under 120 USWG (under 420 lb.) are considered to be portable cylinders – unless installed as a multiple-tank manifold system having a total capacity of 120 USWG (420 lb.) or more, then the multiple-tank manifold system would be subject to a Propane Tank Set permit.

Table 4 - Oilfield Permit Fees

Fees

4.1	Wellhead Site* New Job*	
	Includes 1 tank heater, and 1 gas engine (Propane Tank requires separate permit – see below)	\$ 300.00
4.2	Each Wellhead Site* Replacement	
	a) Tank heater	\$ 160.00
	b) Gas engine	160.00
	c) Catalytic heater	25.00
4.3	Each Wellhead Site* Addition	
	a) Tank heater	\$ 160.00
	b) Gas engine	160.00
	c) Catalytic heater	25.00
4.4	Each Propane Tank Set*	
	a) Each Propane Tank Set * (per 3.2)	
	i) up to 5,000 USWG (21,200 lbs or 18,900 litres)	\$ 35.00
	ii) over 5,000 USWG (21,200 lbs or 18,900 litres)	750.00
4.5	Treater/Battery* and other Facility Locations (per Table 2)	
4.5.1	New job* includes one appliance	\$ 325.00
	a) Each appliance after the first one	160.00
4.5.2	Additional Fees for Commercial New Jobs with a Total Load: Exceeding 1 million Btuh	
	New Job Fees (above) apply Plus for the Total Project Load: Each 1 million Btuh or part thereof in excess of 1 million Btuh - add	\$ 75.00
4.5.3	Addition (per appliance)	\$ 160.00
	a) Addition Fees (above) apply Plus when the combined load of the Additional Appliances is Exceeding 1 million Btuh: Each 1 million Btuh or part thereof in excess of 1 million Btuh - add	75.00
4.5.4	Replacement (per appliance)	\$ 160.00
	a) Replacement Fees (above) apply Plus when the combined load of the Replacement Appliances is Exceeding 1 million Btuh: Each 1 million Btuh or part thereof in excess of 1 million Btuh - add	75.00
4.5.5	Other Commercial Improvements	
	a) Each Piping Alteration* or Reconnection*	\$ 160.00
	b) Each Underground* gas line ² under 200 ft	160.00
	² For Underground* gas lines exceeding 200 ft – Underground Fees (above) plus Requires Plan Approval	Call for \$ Re: 6.1(i)

**Fees
(plus GST)**

4.6	Field Approvals (FA) ³	
	a) Wellhead Single Tank burner with Pre-Approved Design and limited to 1 million Btuh and under (Oilfield Only)	\$ 350.00
	b) All FA rated 400,000 Btuh and less (not applicable to item 'a' above)	1,000.00
	c) All FA in excess of 400,000 Btuh up to and including 5 million Btuh (not applicable to item 'a' above)	1,250.00
	d) FA in excess of 5 million Btuh and less than 12.5 million Btuh	2,500.00
	e) FA of 12.5 million Btuh or greater, up to and including 50 million Btuh	3,000.00
	f) FA over 50 million Btuh, up to and including 70 million Btuh	3,500.00
	g) FA over 70 million Btuh, up to and including 90 million Btuh	4,000.00
	h) FA over 90 million Btuh, up to and including 110 million Btuh	4,500.00
	i) FA over 110 million Btuh, up to and including 130 million Btuh	5,000.00
	j) FA over 130 million Btuh, up to and including 150 million Btuh	5,500.00
	k) FA over 150 million Btuh – FA Fees (above) apply plus for each 20 million Btuh or part thereof in excess of 150 million Btuh	500.00 per 20 million Btuh
	l) ⁴ Unreported relocation of any Previously Approved Equipment	250.00
	m) ⁴ Alteration or Relocation of any other Previously Approved Appliance	New Approval
	n) Special Inspection (hourly rate)	125.00
<p>³All field approvals under the SaskPower Field Approval Program are certifications utilizing the current version of CSA B149.3. The equipment input categories in this schedule of fees are designed to align with the equipment input distinctions in CSA B149.3 where possible.</p> <p>⁴All field approvals become invalid if the equipment is altered or relocated and must be reapplied and inspected before the equipment is recommissioned – with ONE EXCEPTION. A Previously Approved Wellhead Single Tank Burner limited to 1 million Btuh and under may be relocated and commissioned under a New Job permit with the original field approval remaining valid on the condition that the new location of the equipment is reported prior to commissioning and the original SaskPower Field Approval Program certification tag is still attached in place and intact.</p>		

Appliances or equipment not listed – use commercial rates

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Note – The minimum time charge for all fees that are assessed on an hourly basis is one hour and the minimum time charge assessed on overtime rates is two hours (8.5). All fees that are assessed on an hourly basis are subject to GST (8.6).

Table 5 – Start-Up Permit Fees

Fees
(plus GST)

Start-up of certified equipment (see other fees) over 1 million Btuh (not within SaskPower Field Approval Program) First Hour Included, each additional hour	\$ 125.00
Overtime Rate per hour – minimum of 2 hours	250.00

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Table 6 - Inspection Fees

Fees
(plus GST)

6.1	Other Inspection fees (hourly plus GST)	
	a) Re-inspection	
	i) residential*	/hr \$125.00
	ii) commercial	/hr 125.00
	b) Daycare	/hr 125.00
	c) Real estate inspection	/hr 125.00
	d) Defects not completed/properly completed in allotted time	/hr 125.00
	e) Review plan/document/record	/hr 125.00
	f) Investigations/report	/hr 125.00
	g) Site orientations	/hr 125.00
	h) Drawing reviews	/hr 125.00
	i) Variances	/hr 125.00
	j) Services not covered elsewhere in this schedule	/hr 125.00

Charges
/Refund

6.1	Other Inspection charges/refunds (no GST)	
	a) Mileage from inspector's office location	per kilometer 50 cents/km
	b) Permit refund (prior to commencement of work)	permit fee less \$ 25.00
	c) Permit refund (after work commencement)	No Refund

Penalty

6.2	Administrative Penalty (no GST)	
	a) Each unreported gas installation (up to the maximum allowable penalty that may be imposed pursuant to section 35.2 of the Gas Inspections Act)	\$250.00

Note – The minimum time charge for all fees that are assessed on an hourly basis is one hour and the minimum time charge assessed on overtime rates is two hours (8.5). All fees that are assessed on an hourly basis are subject to GST (8.6).

Table 7 - Definitions

Alteration

- Where a main or a branch line is altered to add additional piping, relocate an appliance, repair the line or add an outlet for an appliance. If this is directly connected to, and at the same times as, a Residential Underground gas line permit, then an Alteration permit for this connection is not required.

Appliance Addition (Residential)

- Includes appliance installation and piping to appliance. This fee applies to outlets for BBQ and other portable outdoor appliances.

Grain/Bin Dryers

- For existing grain dryers that are being reconnected, a Reconnection permit is required.
- For existing bin dryers that are being reconnected - a Reconnection permit is not required.
- Upon arrival of a Propane Tank in either instance, a Propane Tank Set permit is required.

Mobile Trailers

- Includes office trailers, wash trailers, sleeping bunks.
- Permit includes storage containers and appliances.
- Mobile trailers that have self-contained propane storage containers do not require a permit but must be certified/approved.

Multi-Family

- A multi-family dwelling having individual residential suites shall have separate residential "addition" permits for in-suite gas appliances. Common appliances (central heating, hall make-up air) shall have "new job" plus "addition" commercial permits.

New Job

- Installations where a fuel supply had not previously been connected or the conversion of an existing system from one fuel type to another. When a branch line is terminated outdoors and intended for use with a portable outdoor appliance, it shall be terminated with a quick-connect and it is considered an appliance.

Propane Tank Set

- Tank or multiple tanks over 120 USWG (420 lb) up to and including a total capacity of 5,000 USWG.
- One 420 lb. cylinder (pig) is considered a tank.
- Includes new, replacement, oilfield and temporary installations.

Reconnection

- Re-activating a fuel supply to an existing system after one year of disconnection.
- An air test shall be performed.

Residential

- Includes all single family and multifamily dwelling where each unit has a gas meter. Up to and including three dwellings may be connected to a single meter and still be defined residential.

Retail propane tank exchange site

- A protected location on a retail property where no more than four adjacent cages/cabinets containing empty and full propane cylinders having a maximum capacity of 20 lbs intended for exchange or sale.

Treater/Battery Site

- Treater or battery sites normally serve multiple wells and has utility supplied electrical service.

Temporary

- A temporary permit expires 90 days after the date of issuance.

Wellhead Site

- An unmanned site at which a New Job may include the installation of one tank heater and one gas engine.

Underground gas line

- If a Residential Underground gas line is connected to the active gas main or branch line at the time of installation, this connection is included in the Underground gas line permit and an additional Alteration permit is not required. Commercial Alteration permits always apply.

Table 8 - Calculation of Fees

- 8.1** Where any person has a delinquent account with the corporation, any permit fees submitted subsequently may be applied first to the delinquency with the balance, if any, held on credit.
- 8.2** (1) Subject to clause 8.2 subsection (2), an applicant for a permit shall pay any required fee to the corporation at the time he delivers the permit application.
- (2) Where the fee is computed on the basis of an hourly inspection rate, an applicant for a permit shall pay any assessed fee requested by the corporation on completion of the inspection.
- 8.3** (1) Where the inspector is satisfied that determination of the extent of the installation was not possible at the time the permit was issued: a supplementary fee may be assessed on the original permit.
- (2) The supplementary fee mentioned in clause 8.3 subsection (1) shall be based on the total accumulated costs less the fees already paid in respect of the installation.
- 8.4** An inspection fee as set forth in this schedule, plus reasonable out of pocket expenses such as travelling and living costs, is payable for:
- a) each inspection of corrective work ordered where it is found that the corrective work has not been done in a manner acceptable to an inspector;
 - b) each inspection of corrective work on a gas installation that is done under a contractor's guarantee bond;
 - c) each inspection of corrective work on a gas installation required to authorize the reconnection of a gas supply to a premises, where the gas supply was disconnected;
 - d) each trip an inspector makes as a result of an incorrect address being recorded on a permit or notice of completion by an applicant;
 - e) each visit requested by a contractor or other person that is made by an inspector to inspect a site with respect to a gas installation;
 - f) each inspection or investigation, including any time spent in correspondence or communication, related to work not reported in a permit or notice of completion;
 - g) each inspection or investigation, including any time spent in correspondence or communication related to work grossly under-reported in a permit.
- 8.5** An inspection fee as set forth in this schedule is payable for an inspection of repairs or alterations performed on damaged or substandard gas equipment and gas installations for which no inspection fee is otherwise prescribed, and the minimum time charge for an inspection is one hour. The minimum charge on overtime rates is 2 hours.
- 8.6** All Field Approval fees, and all fees that are assessed on an hourly basis, are subject to GST.