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## AltaGas/WGL Update

As promised, we will be providing regular updates to you during this merger process. Many items are moving forward, although to most employees many are behind-the-scene items at this point. We have had many outreach calls to various interested parties in our three jurisdictions over the past 30 days which I would describe as generally very positive. They seem to understand the benefits to the many stakeholders from this transaction.

We are required to file our proxy describing the merger with the SEC by March 10<sup>th</sup> and that lengthy document is in the final drafting process as I write this update. It will require review by the SEC and, when deemed complete, we will have another 45 days to hold the shareholders meeting for a vote to approve the merger. We are also in the process of preparing regulatory application documents to be filed in each of our jurisdictions, as well as other regulatory filings, all of which we believe will be between now and early to mid-April.

Finally, we are in the very early stages of planning for integration for those areas that are allowed. As we have stated previously, AltaGas and WGL continue to be separate companies and we will need to operate that way until the merger is actually completed. However, we are permitted to begin discussion around items such as IT systems, HR programs, controls, processes, etc., which we are beginning to do this week. We will use this work to make sure we are prepared to implement best practices from both our companies after the merger is approved and the transaction closes. On the WGL side, our integration team will initially be this:

Executive Team Sponsors: Vince Ammann and Gautam Chandra

Regulatory Lead: Adrian Chapman

Integration Lead: Luanne Gutermuth

The integration leads working in Luanne's group will be:

Integration Manager(s): Rick Moore and Paul Gwaltney

Regulatory: Paul Buckley

Legal: Adam Fine and Katherine Mineka

Finance/Tax/Treasury: Gunnar Gode

HR: Debbie Heath

IT: Lorey Hoffman and John Cullinane

Procurement: Marcellous Frye and Nazie Walker

Commercial Gas/Midstream: Tony Nee

Power and Non-utility: Sanjiv Mahan

Utilities: Adrian Chapman, Luanne Gutermuth, and Doug Staebler

Environmental, Health, and Safety (EHSS&S): Mark Lowe

Communications: Marcellous Frye

Each of these leads will be needing support and perhaps even changing over time as more clarity is gained and the focus may shift to one area from another. As we have mentioned repeatedly, it is important for each of us to continue to focus on our jobs and execute on our growth plan. It is business as usual but we will be working to make the transition go smoothly when the day comes. It is an exciting time in our company and I thank you for your continued hard work and dedication to our success.

### **Additional Information and Where to Find It**

*This communication may be deemed to be solicitation material in respect of the proposed merger transaction. WGL Holdings, Inc. ( WGL ) intends to file with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC ) and mail to its shareholders a proxy statement in connection with the proposed merger transaction. THE INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS OF WGL ARE URGED TO READ THE PROXY STATEMENT AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE, BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION about AltaGas, Ltd. ( AltaGas ), WGL and the proposed merger transaction. Investors and security holders will be able to obtain these materials (when they are available) and other documents filed with the SEC free of charge at the SEC 's website, [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). In addition, a copy of WGL 's proxy statement (when it becomes available) may be obtained free of charge upon request by contacting WGL Holdings, Inc., Leslie T. Thornton, Corporate Secretary, 101 Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington, District of Columbia, 20080. WGL 's filings with the SEC are also available on WGL 's website at: <http://wglholdings.com/sec.cfm>. Investors and security holders may also read and copy any reports, statements and other information filed by WGL with the SEC, at the SEC public reference room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 or visit the SEC 's website for further information on its public reference room.*

### **Participants in the Solicitation**

*AltaGas, WGL and certain of their respective directors, executive officers and other persons may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in respect of the proposed merger transaction. Information regarding AltaGas 's directors and executive officers is available in AltaGas 's Management Information Circular, filed on March 17, 2016 (in English and French) with the Canadian Securities Administrators (the CSA ) and in AltaGas 's Annual Information Form, filed on March 23, 2016 (in English) and March 24, 2016 (in French) with the CSA, each of which are available at: [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com). Information regarding WGL 's directors and executive officers is available in WGL 's proxy statement filed with the SEC on December 23, 2016 in connection with its 2017 annual meeting of shareholders, and its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016, each of which may be obtained from the sources indicated in Additional Information and Where to Find It. Other information regarding persons who may be deemed participants in the proxy solicitation and a description of their direct and indirect interests (which may be different than those of WGL 's investors and security holders), by security holdings or otherwise, will be contained in the proxy statement and other relevant materials filed or to be filed with the SEC when they become available.*

### **Forward-Looking Statements**

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*forward-looking statements. This document contains forward-looking statements with respect to, among other things, business objectives, expected growth (including magnitude of growth), results of operations, performance, business projects and opportunities, capital expenditures and financial results. In particular this document contains forward looking statements with respect to the combination of AltaGas and WGL and related performance, including, without limitation, the transformative nature of the Transaction, the portfolio of assets of the combined entity, the nature of growth opportunities available to AltaGas, the strategic focus of the business, the location of headquarters for the U.S. regulated utility and power business, the compatibility, strength and focus of the combined corporate culture of AltaGas and WGL, the retention and role of WGL employees and the holding of significant roles for existing WGL executives in AltaGas U.S. regulated utility operations, the ability to deliver high quality service and/or maintain rates or ensure affordable rates, increased community involvement and charitable giving, the fact that closing of the Transaction is conditioned on certain events occurring; the growth potential available to AltaGas in clean technologies, natural gas generation and retail energy services, the strength of AltaGas and WGL as utility operators, intentions for further investment in Virginia, Maryland and Washington, D.C., intentions with respect to the pursuit of regulatory approvals for the Transaction, the ability to grow the clean power and energy services businesses; and this document contains forward looking statements regarding the anticipated completion of the acquisition. These statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results or events to differ materially from those anticipated in such forward-looking statements. Such statements reflect AltaGas current views with respect to future events based on certain material factors and assumptions and are subject to certain risks and uncertainties which could cause results or events to differ from current expectations, including without limitation: changes in market; competition; governmental or regulatory developments; general economic conditions; any event, change or other circumstance that could give rise to termination of the merger agreement in respect of the Transaction; the inability to complete the Transaction due to the failure to obtain stockholder approval for the Transaction or the failure to satisfy other conditions to completion of the Transaction, including that a governmental entity may prohibit, delay or refuse to grant approval for the consummation of the Transaction; uncertainty regarding the length of time required to complete the Transaction; the anticipated benefits of the Transaction may not materialize or may not occur within the time periods anticipated by AltaGas; impact of significant demands*

*placed on AltaGas and WGL as a result of the Transaction; failure by the AltaGas to repay the bridge financing facility; potential unavailability of the bridge financing facility; alternate sources of funding that would be used to replace the bridge financing facility may not be available when needed, including asset sales on desirable terms; lack of control by AltaGas of WGL and its subsidiaries prior to the closing of the Transaction; impact of acquisition-related expenses; inaccuracies or incompleteness in WGL's publicly disclosed information; increased indebtedness of AltaGas after the closing of the Transaction; the Transaction could result in a downgrade of AltaGas' credit ratings; historical and pro forma combined financial information may not be representative of future performance; potential undisclosed liabilities of WGL; ability to retain key personnel of WGL following the Transaction; the impact of the announcement of the Transaction on relationships with third parties, including commercial counterparties, employees and competitors, and risks associated with the loss and ongoing replacement of key personnel; risks relating to unanticipated costs of integration in connection with the Transaction, including operating costs, customer loss or business disruption being greater than expected; risks associated with changes in economic conditions; developments in technology could reduce demand for natural gas; changes in customer energy usage patterns; risk of failure of information technology infrastructure and cybersecurity; disruption of fuel supply; natural disasters or other catastrophic events; unanticipated maintenance and other expenditures; risk associated with the continuation, renewal, replacement and/or regulatory approval of natural gas supply contracts; risks associated with pension plan performance and funding requirements; regulatory and government decisions including, but not limited to, changes to environmental, financial reporting and tax legislation and regulations; risk of loss of licences and permits; risk of loss of service area; and market gas sales prices; and other factors set out in AltaGas' public disclosure documents. Many factors could cause AltaGas' actual results, performance or achievements to vary from those described in this document, including without limitation those listed above. These factors should not be construed as exhaustive. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should assumptions underlying forward-looking statements prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those described in this document as intended, planned, anticipated, believed, sought, proposed, estimated or expected, and such forward-looking statements included in, or incorporated by reference in this document, should not be unduly relied upon. Such statements speak only as of the date of this document. AltaGas does not intend, and does not assume any obligation, to update these forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements contained in this document are expressly qualified by this cautionary statement.*