



ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)

**Pipeline Removal
Township 16, Range 24, West of the Fourth Meridian**

March 1, 2012

The Alberta Utilities Commission

Decision 2012-061: ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)

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1 Introduction

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO) filed an application with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC or the Commission) seeking approval for an amendment to Permit and Licence No. 630 pursuant to Section 11 of the *Pipeline Act* and Section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act* for the following:

- Removal of Line 1.
- Mapping amendment to Line 1.
- Amendment of “To” and “From” LSD and Facility code.

(the project).

2. The application was registered on February 22, 2012, as Application No. 1608180.

3. ATCO stated that GENIVAR, on behalf of Vulcan County, requested ATCO to relocate the 42-millimetre high pressure pipeline located within LSD 9-9-16-24-W4M and LSD 10-9-16-24-W4M to allow for road development. However, the local gas distribution company has indicated that they no longer require the regulating station served by the 42-millimetre high pressure pipeline. Therefore, ATCO proposed to remove the 42-millimetre high pressure pipeline.

4. ATCO stated that any liquids contained in these pipelines would be captured and properly disposed of.

5. ATCO stated that the majority of the pipeline lies within the undeveloped road allowance of Aberdour Street within the hamlet of Kirkcaldy. Based on existing agreements, ATCO is required to bear 100 per cent of the cost of this project.

6. In its submission, ATCO stated that the requirements of the consultation and notification program were met and that no outstanding objections or concerns remain with regard to the application.

2 Findings

7. The Commission accepts ATCO’s submission that a participant involvement program has been conducted and that there are no outstanding public or industry objections or concerns.

8. The Commission has reviewed the application and has determined that it meets the requirements as stipulated in AUC Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines*.

9. Due to the nature of the application, a notice of application was not issued and, therefore, a hearing was not required as the Commission considered that its decision or order would not directly and adversely affect the rights of a person pursuant to Section 9 of the *Alberta Utilities Commission Act*.

10. The Commission finds that the project is necessary to accommodate road construction in the hamlet of Kirkcaldy.

11. Based on the foregoing, the Commission considers the project to be in the public interest in accordance with Section 17 of the *Alberta Utilities Commission Act*.

3 Decision

12. Pursuant to Section 11 of the *Pipeline Act* and Section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act*, the Commission approves the amendment to Permit and Licence No. 630 and grants ATCO the amended permit and licence as set out in Appendix 1 – Gas Utility Pipeline – Pipeline Removal – Permit and Licence No. 630 – March 1, 2012 (Appendix 1 will be distributed separately).

Dated on March 1, 2012.

The Alberta Utilities Commission

(original signed by)

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Commission Member